



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. This is the patronal feast for the Sisters of Notre Dame as it reflects their devotion to Mary and their commitment to saying “yes” to God. We are grateful for the Sisters and all they have done to make a Catholic education possible for so many young women.

At NDA, we strive to emulate the Sisters of Notre Dame and their openness to God’s call. I have seen many shining examples of that within our community over the last few weeks. Our students and faculty have said “yes” to the many challenges presented to them by the COVID-19 crisis. They have embraced new concepts such as remote learning, social distancing and quarantining. Taking on these tasks in the midst of a global pandemic has certainly not been easy for anyone, especially our students. I am so impressed with the way they continue to persist!

I would like to thank our students, faculty and staff for working so diligently these last two weeks to ensure that our community continues to be engaged in meaningful learning at NDA. I would also like to thank you, our parents, for your support in our efforts.

There is a COVID-19 Resource Guide listed on the page below. You can also find information in today’s Panda Press Weekly about how you and your daughter can contact our NDA counselors if the need arises. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me, Dr. Koehl or one of our counselors if you or your daughter needs support.

On today’s Feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and His redemption of the world. In these last weeks of Lent, we pray that God may continue to be with us and we rejoice in the faith and confidence of His deep love for us. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



“Holy Virgin Mary, we ask your intercession to make us as generous as you in accepting the will of God in our lives, especially when that will is expressed in mysterious ways. May you be our example of a generous response to what God desires of us.”

▶ 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. Our collaboration, ingenuity, cooperation and faith will prevail. You can access Dr. Koehl's blog [HERE](#).

MEDITATION ON THE NAME OF MARY ◀

You can find this beautiful meditation [HERE](#). This was shared by former NDA English teachers and alumnae Linda Bricking and Ronnie Mitchell.



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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.

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.



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>



BE NOT AFRAID CONFERENCE ◀

Be Not Afraid Conference - this is a virtual conference that you can join. They will send you an email each day with a link to video from a national Catholic Speaker. The videos run from 5 minutes to 40 minutes. They began on March 20 (They will send you the links to the ones you've missed). This was shared by NDA Campus Minister Bridget Price who has found them to be thought provoking and insightful. You can sign up by going to <https://www.staceysumereau.com/> and find the Be Not Afraid Conference.



POPE FRANCIS ◀

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

DAILY MASS ◀

NDA's Terri Perrino shared Bishop Barron's [Daily Mass](#).



COLORADO SYMPHONY'S DIGITAL ODE TO JOY ◀

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is an ode to humanity, to peace over desperation, to universal kinship and, of course, to joy. Dr. Koehl shared this version [HERE](#).

FURTHER UPDATES ◀

You can find further Coronavirus updates in the Counseling and Student Services section for testing and GSA.

STUDENT LIFE

NO SCHOOL - MONDAY, MARCH 30 ◀

Please note: due to a faculty professional development day, students will not have school on Monday, March 30.



NPH OUT OF UNIFORM DAY ◀

Thank you everyone who participated in the out of uniform day on March 12. Your contributions helped raise just over \$1200! Our NPH (Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos) club will use these funds to purchase supplies for an orphanage in Santa Domingo.



HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT ◀

As we embrace remote learning from our new classrooms, students are reminded of NDA's expectations as they apply to the online educational tools supplied by the school. As found in the Student/Parent Handbook (p. 29), the following are reminders for students as they engage with their teachers and peers online:

- The acceptable modes of electronic communication include the school email and Unified Classroom Learning Management System. Other communication apps must be approved by school personnel.
- The use of the email account must be used in support of education and research, consistent with the educational objectives of Notre Dame Academy. Email is not guaranteed to be private and can be accessed by school personnel if necessary.
- Academic dishonesty (including plagiarism and cheating) are not tolerated at NDA.
- Music and videos will not be accessed without teacher permission during class.
- Users will not play games or access social media without teacher permission and supervision.
- Cyber Bullying, suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or threatening messages are strictly prohibited.
- Defamatory messages which are based on slurs or stereotypes relating to race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation are strictly prohibited.
- Do not forward or copy digital communications or content with the permission of the owner.
- Users are to obey all laws, including criminal, copyright, privacy, defamation, and obscenity laws. The school will cooperate with local, state, or federal law enforcement officials with the investigation if a law is broken involving NDA technology.

The above is not a complete list of expectations, and students and parents are encouraged to visit the handbook for a more information about NDA's Technology/Acceptable Use Policy and iPad 1-1 Program.

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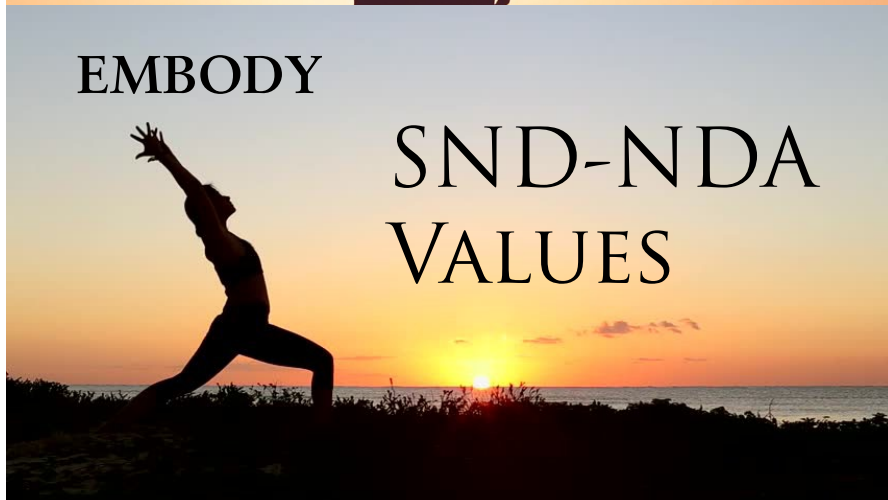
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ANNUAL BABY DAY INVITATION TO FACULTY, STAFF, PARENTS, FRIENDS & ALUMS ◀

Greetings from the NDA Psychology Classes!

The Psychology classes are once again hosting the annual “Baby Day” activities on Thursday April 30, 2020. This event will be held in Alumnae Hall again this year so that we will have plenty of room to accommodate a larger number of children and so that parents & grandparents will have easier access with no steps involved. You can read more about this fun event and how you can participate [HERE](#).



HOW TO CONTACT 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@ndapandas.org

OR

- Contact a Counselor directly:

- Kathy Hildreth:

hildrethk@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1825

- Chrissy Monohan:

monohanc@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1833

- Erin Maggard:

maggarde@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1834

- Kelly Burgei:

burgeik@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1830



PROM/AFTER PROM ◀

Administration is working on an alternative day for Prom 2020 which would require a new registration. After Prom will not be rescheduled. Refunds for registrations that were submitted in time for this past Friday's deadline will be issued for the Prom and After Prom. Payments issued online will be refunded electronically as soon as possible, and checks will not be cashed and will be shredded. Cash refunds will be issued at a later time. Please contact Mrs. Grayson graysona@ndapandas.org if you have additional questions.



Art ATHLETICS
Music Something Fun Drama

Notre Dame Academy has

for everyone this summer!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Check out all of the awesome classes offered this summer at NDA! You can find further information and registration forms online [HERE](#).



YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

Order your daughter's 2020 yearbook now through the end of April and you can spread the \$70 purchase price over three installments if you like. https://www.jos-tens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS AT NDA! ◀

NDA offers many athletic camp opportunities for students of all ages. You can check out all of NDA's 2020 Summer Athletic Camps [HERE](#).



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES FOR ACT | SAT | AP EXAMS ◀

ACT — ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national test date to June 13 across the US. All students registered for the April 4 test date will receive an email from ACT informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13 or a future national test date. Please check the [ACT website](#) for updates. **ALSO:** The March 24 ACT that was scheduled for the juniors has been cancelled. We are working with the Diocese to determine what the makeup date for that test may be in the future.

SAT — The SAT for May 2 has been canceled. Makeup exams scheduled for March 28 are also canceled. Registered students will receive refunds.

AP — You can find a [AP Exam Updates for NDA Students and Parents](#) [HERE](#).

CREATING A SECURE HOME ENVIRONMENT ◀

During this time of social distancing it can be difficult to know if you are doing the right things for your child/children. The Child Mind Institute is providing tools and ideas for parents to use while most of us are relegated to being at home.

HOW TO MAKE HOME FEEL SAFE FOR KIDS

Creating a secure home environment is important so that you and your children can deal with stress and uncertainty in a healthy way. Drawing from developmental psychology, here's what parents can do:

- be predictable and consistent
- be responsive
- be nurturing and affectionate
- model calm reassurance and thoughtful problem solving

For more tips from professionals via videos and articles, please visit the link [here](#).

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ◀

A Message to GSA Finalists and their families:

The decision has been made to cancel GSA's Final Round of Auditions/Reviews at the University of Kentucky on March 20 and 21 to ensure the health and wellness of the public as Kentucky fights aggressively to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All GSA 2020 Finalists are still being considered for the summer program. Adjudication will take place virtually (rather than in-person auditions/reviews). Finalists will receive more information from GSA regarding this process, so please continue to monitor your email and Accepted accounts. Finalists are not being asked to provide any additional application materials at this time.

Artists are adaptable, empathetic, innovative, and resilient – all of which are helpful qualities in a situation such as this. Contact GSA with your questions at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org.

The class announcement will now take place on Friday, April 17.





SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. It will again be held at Summit Hills. Invitations will be mailed later in the fall, but it's not too late to mark your calendars! If you are interested in helping, or know anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851 or goeken@ndapandas.org or Taffy Hebbeler at taffheb@fuse.net.

We are in the process of searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!

All table captains are supplied with a "how to" basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA Gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the Gala. There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations. You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table, and ultimately FILL that table. :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS! If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com.



CALENDAR UPDATES ◀

NDA's Alumnae Dinner Theatre originally scheduled for April 1 is postponed until a rescheduled date can be confirmed.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#)

- Sister of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Jesuit Spiritual Center - Ignite Internship Program
- Position Available at Holy Trinity School
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities



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credits, Gateway Community and Technical College should be on your list of college visits. Let us introduce you to companies eager to compete for your services, and show how our relationships with NKU, UK, Thomas More and other local colleges provide options you never thought possible. Schedule your visit today! <https://gateway.kctcs.edu/>

► Important dates

- March 25 Remote Learning (D) Follow your Wednesday class rotation.
"Seniors and College" Q & A w/Ms. Burgei on Zoom (Time TBD)
Join: <https://zoom.us/j/964309003?pwd=ZHV4MnEwVTAvRlZ2YlVnQXJFdEVZUT09>
Meeting ID: 964 309 003 Password: 068820
Counselor office hours: Mrs. Maggard - maggarde@ndapandas.org
Counselor office hours: Ms. Burgei - burgeik@ndapandas.org
- 26 Remote Learning (D) Follow Wednesday class rotation.
Counselor office hours: Mrs. Hildreth - hildrethk@ndapandas.org (9:30-11:00a)
Counselor office hours: Mrs. Monohan- monohanc@ndapandas.org (6:30-8:30p)
- 27 Remote Learning (D) Follow your Wednesday class rotation.
Counselor office hours: Mrs. Maggard - maggarde@ndapandas.org
Counselor office hours: Ms. Burgei - burgeik@ndapandas.org
- 30 No School: Professional Development Day
- April 8 Midquarter
9-19 Easter Break