



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT and PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents and Students,

We are very excited to welcome our Pandas back to campus for the 2020-21 school year beginning next week. **We are moving forward with Plan 1 of our [Pandas Return to Campus Plan](#) with a full return to school with safety precautions in place.** In light of Governor Beshear's recommendation this week to delay in-person instruction and the [statement provided today from the Diocese of Covington](#), we have made a few necessary adjustments to the start of the 2020-21 school year at NDA. In order to decrease the number of students in the building the first week of school and allow students to become acclimated to our COVID-19 modifications on campus, we will begin the 2020-21 school year with a week of orientation.

It is critical that our students have time to adjust to the significant amount of new protocols and added expectations at NDA this school year. A week of orientation will afford us the opportunity to implement our COVID-19 modifications and guidelines and hopefully alleviate any anxiety our students may be experiencing about coming back to school. During orientation week, we will bring one class back to campus each day starting with our seniors. We will break the classes up into two groups and have them follow a modified schedule. Here is the calendar for orientation week at NDA:

Monday, August 17, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Seniors: Group A 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Seniors: Group B Google Homeroom Meetings with Freshmen and Counselors
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Juniors: Group A 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Juniors: Group B Google Homeroom Meetings with Seniors and Counselors
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Sophomores: Group A 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Sophomores: Group B Google Homeroom Meetings with Juniors and Counselors
Thursday, August 20, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Freshmen: Group A 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Freshmen: Group B Google Homeroom Meetings with Sophomores and Counselors
Friday, August 21, 2020	8:00 a.m. - 3:01 p.m. - Senior and Juniors at school

Orientation sessions are designed to walk students through a typical school day. That day will include:

- Completion of NDA's COVID-19 Symptom Check form prior to arriving on campus
- Reporting to school and entering at assigned entrance
- Temperature check
- Welcome and class meeting in NDA Theatre
- Mini walk-through for meet and greet with teachers
- Dismissal

Students need to check their email regularly for more specific information regarding orientation week and possible changes to their schedule. All students will report to school on Monday, August 24, following our regular schedule beginning at 8:00 a.m. and dismissing at 3:01 p.m.

We know how imperative in person learning is to the health and well being of our students. We ask that you please follow all guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 over the next several weeks in order that we are able to continue in person instruction with safety precautions in place for the 2020-21 school year. It is our combined responsibility to keep our community safe and healthy and we must all do our part - on and off campus - to make that happen. As stated in the letter from Bishop Foys and Superintendent Mr. Michael Clines earlier today, we will be monitoring the implementation of the Diocesan COVID-19 requirements. During the week of September 6, our experience to date will be evaluated and needed changes will be made at that time.

Our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame, have taught us to be resilient through difficult times. We know that we also need to be flexible and adaptable this school year. As individuals, we have varied opinions on the correct protocol to follow at this point in time however, it is more important than ever that we come together as a community to do what is best for our collective group and support our Catholic schools.

It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. We are grateful for your trust in Notre Dame Academy to provide your daughter with a premiere Catholic education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. We truly appreciate the cooperation of our entire NDA community throughout these challenging times.

May you know God's goodness each day,



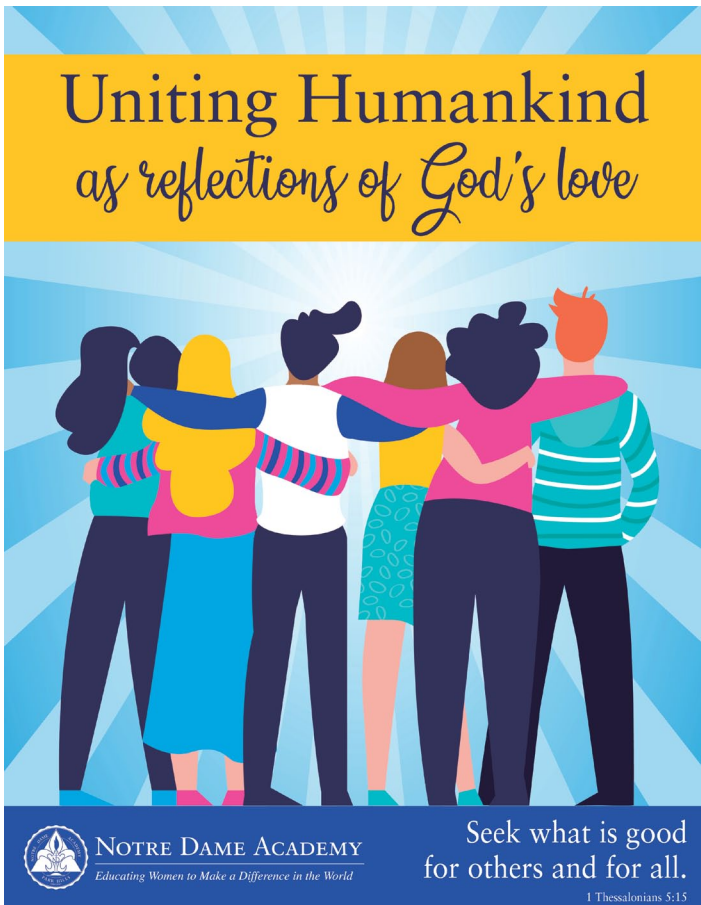
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This morning our faculty gathered for the first time of the 2020-21 school year. They began their day with the following prayer:

Good and Gracious God,

We gather today at the beginning of another school year.

We come together for the first time in person since March in order to prepare for another year of learning and community building.

We come with excitement and anxiety, hope and fear, so many mixed emotions over what this year may bring.

We ask that you fill this room with your Spirit. A Spirit of love and wisdom. A Spirit that will kindle joy and cast out fears.

You call us to seek what is good for each other and for all. Help us to keep this goal in mind as we prepare to welcome our students to a new year of growth, learning and community.

Help us to remember that as members of the One Body of Christ, we rise and fall together - helping each other through trials and triumphs.

We ask all this through the name of your Son, Jesus and his Blessed Mother, Mary.

Amen.

NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

REMEMBER, the [NDA COVID-19 Information page](#) on the website has many important resources for parents and students:

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Question Submission Link
- NDA COVID-19 Response Chart for Students and Staff
- and more!



READY TO GO ◀

Our desks are all socially distanced six feet apart and our Plexiglas is in place. Now all we need is our Pandas!



STUDENT LIFE



PARKING PASSES ◀

Parking passes went on sale last Friday. All passes are being sold electronically requiring the use of a credit card for payment; passes for the year are \$25 each. All students purchasing a pass will be required to upload a picture of their valid driver's license for the school's records. Physical passes will be passed out during orientation week when students go to their homerooms.

See [parking lot layout](#) to choose the spot you wish to purchase. Spots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. See the schedule below for all pertinent grade levels. Failure to follow the assigned schedule for grades will result in loss of spot as purchased out of order. In summary and in order to purchase a pass:

- Students will need to upload a picture of their valid driver's license in the form.
- A credit or debit card is required to purchase.
- Parking passes will be handed out the first day of school during homeroom.
- You can view the [parking lot diagram](#) to find the numbered spots available.

Parking pass purchasing schedule is below:

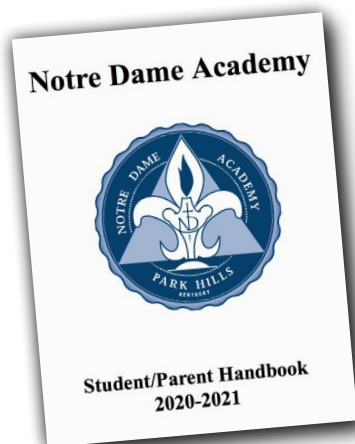
Friday, August 7:	Form opened for Seniors at 7:00 a.m.
Monday, August 10:	Form opened for Juniors at 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 12:	Form opened for Sophomores and remaining students at 7:00 a.m.
Thursday, August 13:	Form closes at 12 noon; after this date, passes can be purchased from the front office

***The form closes tomorrow at noon for all student drivers. After tomorrow, parking passes can be purchased in person, in the front office.**

FINALFORMS

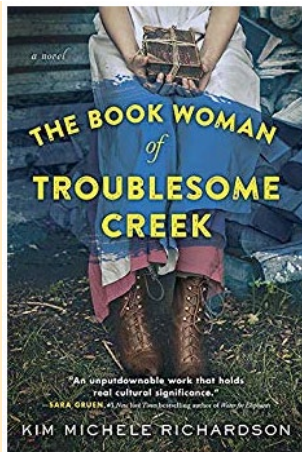
IMPORTANT: UPDATE YOUR FINAL FORMS ◀

ALL parents need to update their [FinalForms](#) account for the 2020-2021 school year as updates were made in the last couple of days. Both parent/guardian and student are required to sign off on the forms before they are fully complete. **Fully verified accounts are due by Monday, August 17.**



STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK 2020-21 ◀

You can find the NDA Student Parent Handbook for the 2020-21 school year [HERE](#).



SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS ◀

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](#).

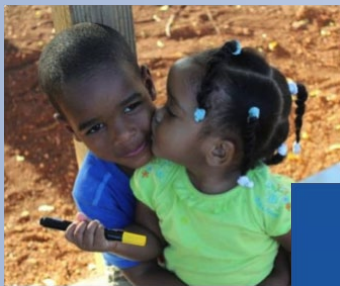


FALL PLAY AUDITIONS & CREW INTERVIEWS ◀

Announcing auditions for our fall play, William Shakespeare's *MACBETH*! Auditions will be available this year via sign-up, so as to accommodate social distancing. Auditions will take place on August 18 and 20 from 3:45pm-5:30pm in the NDA Theatre. Students need to prepare a one minute Shakespeare monologue and come to auditions with a mask on. Masks are required for auditions. Links to the audition sign up can be found on the [NDA website](#) and will be emailed out to students.

Crew Interviews will take place August 28 and will be digital. The sign up link can be found on the [NDA website](#) and will be emailed out to students.

Please email Ms. Stine (stinec@ndapandas.org) and Liz Voto (votol@ndapandas.org) with questions. Thank you!



THANK YOU! ◀

Shortly before we parted for remote learning last year, we had a dress down day to assist the orphanage in Santo Domingo where we were planning to go on our mission trip. Here is part of the thank you we received.

"Thank you so very much for your donation of \$1,000 to NPH for the Dominican Republic... Your contribution helps with life essentials like food in their bellies, roofs over their heads, and medicine when they're sick... You're also helping to nurture these children beyond the basics—your support enables us to provide education, spiritual enrichment, the supportive resources they need to thrive to grow up, and a loving and safe environment and family in which they can reach their full potential."

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS! ◀

Rising sophomore Lainy Kruger has been named a 2019-2020 NISCA High School Swimming All American for her KHSAA States swims in the 100 Breaststroke and 200 Individual Medley this past year. These swims placed her as one of the top 100 fastest interscholastic high school swimmers in the country for the events. Lainy placed 29th in the country for the 100 Breaststroke (1:02.20) and 27th for the 200 IM (2:00.50). This is a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations, Lainy! For the complete 2019-2020 All American Swimming list for each event, see here: <https://www.niscaonline.org/aalists/2020/allam20.html>

Congratulations to Senior Volley Pandas Abby Powers, Anna Long, Emily Wichmann, and Emma Grace for being named to the AVCA Under Armour All-American Watch List!

Congratulations to Sophomore Volley Pandas Sydney Nolan and Kayla Hostetler for being named to the AVCA Phenom Watch List!

Congratulations to Iris Schuh, Senior soccer player, for her commitment to the University of Cincinnati to continue her academic and athletic careers!



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Did you know that you can find NDA uniform shirts, crew neck sweatshirts and 1/4 zip fleece sweatshirts in the Bambootique? Each of these items are part of NDA's official uniform. Order today online [HERE](#) and pick up your order curbside!

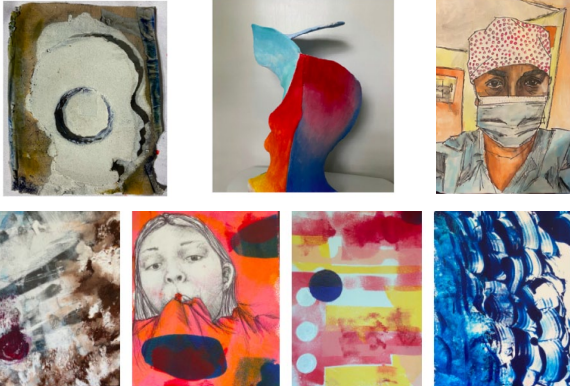
MAKE GOOD CHOICES! HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Symptom Screenings and Health Precautions
- Contact Tracing
- Cleaning and Sanitizing our Campus
- Hand Sanitizing
- Masks
- Social Distancing
- Safety Barriers



Together we can Make a Difference!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



GSA VISUAL ARTS ◀

The 2020 Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts has a link [HERE](#) to their Final Student Works. You can see works created by NDA's three 2020 GSA Visual Artists - Jenna Shriver, Stella Skinner, and Belle Stansel - as well as other amazing compositions by Kentucky's high school artists in 9 art forms!



VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS FOR STUDENTS ◀

In the fall, NACAC (National Association of College Admission Counselors) will offer four virtual college fairs for students and families on Sept. 13, Oct. 12, Oct. 18, and Nov. 8. [Click here](#) for the flyer with info about it. To register online: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>



VIRTUAL ACT MATH PREP ◀

NKY Tutoring is offering their Math ACT prep classes virtually!
For more info: www.nkytutoring.com/schedule
Questions or looking for 1-on-1 prep, contact Tony Miglio (859) 835-1900



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)



SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. This year's Gala is being transformed into a live/virtual event. There will be no registration fee or ticket price. This year's Gala will be a FREE week-long event to bid on some amazing items and will end with one hour of Panda fun broadcasted from NDA!

Now more than ever, it is critical for us to plan a successful 2020 Autumn Gala as this event provides much-needed resources for NDA.

If you would like to donate a gift or gift card to the Gala, contact Nancy Goeke at goeken@ndapandas.org to schedule a drop off time. Thank you in advance for your support!

COMMUNITY



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

- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

▶ Important dates

August 14	Feast of the Assumption
August 17	First Day of School - Seniors Only (in two groups)
August 18	Juniors Only (in two groups)
August 19	Sophomores Only (in two groups)
August 20	Freshmen Only (in two groups)
August 21	Juniors and Seniors Only
August 24	All Students at School
September 7	No School: Labor Day
September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents