



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is quickly evolving. This has prompted a great deal of questions and concerns regarding the impact it will have on schools. In addition to taking extra steps to ensure the cleanliness of our environment at NDA, we are also planning and preparing for the possibility of a community-level outbreak in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Should such an outbreak occur, we have developed a contingency plan for what we can do to continue education while minimizing the spread of illness. This plan includes a shift to a virtual school day with remote school learning through the use of iPads, Unified Classroom, Google Meet, and YouTube. Preparations are being made this week for students and faculty to successfully transition to a remote school day should it be necessary. These preparations include a **LATE START to our school day TOMORROW, Thursday, March 12** in order to give our faculty an opportunity to prepare for the possibility of a virtual school day in the future.

We understand that a remote learning strategy may be difficult for students who do not have internet access at home or who may be required to care for younger siblings. If you find yourself in either of these circumstances or in a situation where it may be difficult for your daughter to participate in a virtual school day, please contact NDA Assistant Principal Mrs. Amber Grayson (graysona@ndapandas.org).

PLEASE NOTE: Students and faculty are encouraged to stay home if ill. Students who are absent will be expected to complete the work as assigned and per the teacher's class policy. As of today, NDA's attendance policy as it relates to credit completion and exam exemption will be uplifted for the time being.

Students are reminded to practice optimal hygiene which includes, but may not be limited to:

- Wash hands thoroughly
- Do not share water bottles, make-up, lipstick/lip gloss, etc.
- Disinfect phones and iPads
- Wear lanyards and use to purchase lunch as to prevent transference of germs
- Practice healthy social distancing

We are also considering prevention efforts and how these may impact athletics, student life and other school events. At this time, no venue has canceled any of our events but we will continue to monitor how these may be impacted.

Please be assured that we are focused on what is best for the health of our students, faculty, staff and community, and for the continuation of learning. While we cannot control the spread of this virus, we can make every effort to mitigate it and we can control how we will continue to meet our responsibility to educate our students.

As always, we appreciate your patience. Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. We will continue to keep you updated with any additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

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STUDENT LIFE

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: MARCH 18, 2020 ◀

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Next Friday, all Notre Dame Academy students will attend a safety presentation facilitated by Julie Feinauer, School Counselor at St. Henry District High School. Mrs. Feinauer will be speaking to our students about her experiences and how to be safe and aware in your environment. She will touch upon how to identify abuse of all types.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent/guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Friday, March 13 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.



NDA CASH RAFFLE DRAWING THIS FRIDAY - March 13, 2020 Raffle Grand Prize: \$10,000



How would you like to win \$10,000? This is your last chance to purchase a ticket to NDA's 2020 NDA Cash Raffle!

The Cash Raffle benefits our tuition assistance program as well as other student program needs at NDA. For many years our raffle has provided financial assistance for hundreds of our fellow Pandas, funds for professional development for our teachers and supported the many ways we use technology at NDA!

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#) or sent in with your daughters! Feel free to share the link with your family and friends!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM: THE GREAT GATSBY ◀

This year's Prom will be held on Friday, March 27 at the Music Hall Box Office Ballroom in Cincinnati. Immediately following is NDA After Prom that will be held at the Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. All juniors and seniors are invited to attend After Prom regardless of whether or not they have attended Prom.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please lend a hand in ensuring your daughter has a fun and safe prom night. Here are some ways you can help:

- Encourage your daughter to attend After Prom
- Donate a gift or gift card for After Prom prizes
- Sign up to donate food for After Prom
- Sign up to chaperone After Prom

You can find all the information you need regarding reservations for Prom and After Prom, prizes, and volunteer and food donation information [HERE](#).





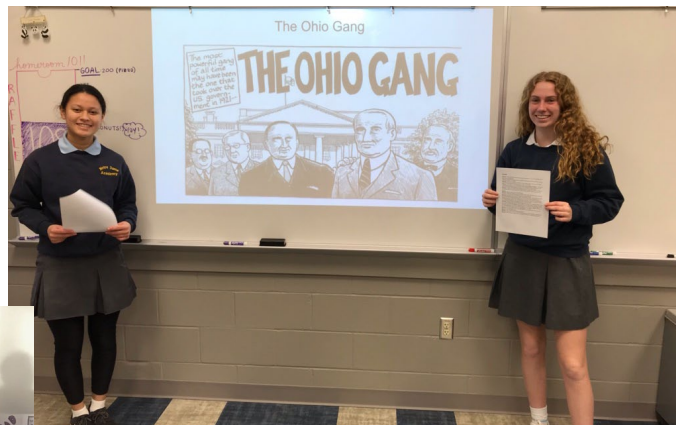
EXCELLENCE IN ARTS INSTRUCTION! ◀

Congratulations to NDA Art teacher Matt Eckerle on receiving the Arts Educator Award for Excellence in Arts Instruction! The Arts Educator Award promotes and rewards excellence in arts instruction throughout Greater Cincinnati. Students nominate an educator through video submission that describes the impact the educator has had on his/her students. This well-deserved award was announced today at the Overture Awards Final Competition & Awards Ceremony.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

At NDA, we celebrate our Catholic Identity everyday by living the Gospel message of Jesus through kindness and generosity to others, respect for life, community service and striving to use our God given gifts. Take a look at our Campus Ministry Department calendar for this week [HERE](#). Please note: due to our late start tomorrow, Thursday, March 12, Mass will be cancelled.



PANDAS LOOK BACK TO THE 1920s ◀

This week as juniors in Mrs. Stratman's US History classes finished their studies of the 1920s, they presented projects to their class on various aspects of life in the 1920s. Students learned steps to the Charleston dance, they did a taste test of new foods introduced in the era and they did a "news broadcast" of the headline news of the era.



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 Friday, March 20, 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](#).



GRADUATION INFORMATION ◀

Seniors and senior parents received an email with graduation information earlier this week. You can also find Class of 2020 Graduation Information on our website [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/.

A graphic with a blue sky and yellow sun background. A large yellow sunburst contains the text 'SUMMER Opportunities!'. Below the sunburst, the words 'Art', 'ATHLETICS', 'Music', 'Something Fun', and 'Drama' are written in various colorful, playful fonts.

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](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM ◀

Mark your calendar for the Winter Sports Program which will be held on March 17 at 7 p.m. in the NDA theater.



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 ◀



WKU JUNIOR PREVIEW DAY ◀

Saturday, March 21

Junior Preview Day is a free, open house event that offers a comprehensive look at WKU's outstanding academic offerings, student activities, and beautiful campus. Sessions provide information about life on The Hill, and an information expo allows students and families the opportunity to connect with representatives from academic departments, housing, financial aid, and more! RSVP Here: [Jr Preview Day](#)

NORTHERN KENTUCKY COLLEGE FAIR ◀

Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

NKU Student Union Ballroom

High School students are invited to attend this College Fair at NKU! This is a great opportunity to visit college reps from across the country! No RSVP Needed. More information and list of colleges attending: [NKY College Fair](#)

CINCINNATI AREA "SPRING COLLEGE FAIR" ◀

Tuesday, March 31 - 6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Held at Xavier's Cintas Center

This is another great opportunity to visit college reps from across the country! No RSVP Needed. More information and list of colleges attending: [Spring College Fair](#)



**College
Rep
Visits**

2019-20 College Rep Visits ◀

Throughout the school year many college representatives visit NDA to speak with students during lunch periods. You can find a list of upcoming visits [HERE](#).



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 goek-en@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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Sister of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event
- Jesuit Spiritual Center - Ignite Internship Program
- Lenten Mission with Steve Angrisano
- 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



5K Run & Walk
In Memory of Calvin Scheper

BE CALVIN KIND ◀

Help make a difference in the world with the Scheper family by joining them for the inaugural BeCalvinKind5K run/walk in memory of their son and brother Calvin Scheper. This special community event will be held on Saturday, March 28 and will benefit children and adults in need. You can find more information about this morning of running and fun as well as online registration [HERE](#).



Fischer Homes was founded in Northern Kentucky in 1980 with the philosophy of offering the best total new home solution. Today, it is the 37th largest builder in the county after expanding into the Indianapolis, Columbus, Atlanta and Louisville areas. Fischer Homes is proud to be the top builder in Northern Kentucky, with 20 local new home communities and 10 decorated models. For more information, call/text (859) 448-2711 or visit www.fischerhomes.com.

Go Pandas!

► Important dates

March	13	3rd Quarter Ends
		Raffle Pep Rally (ADJ)
	18	SO to the Play
		Safe Environment Training (ADJ)
	20	Baby Day
	21	8th Grade Conferences
April	24	Super Tuesday:
		SR Mission Retreat
		JR ACT
		SO/FR CERT
		Panda Preview Night for Prospective Students
	27	Prom
	1	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
	2-5	Spring Play
	8	Midquarter
	9-19	Easter Break