



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

With all of the preparations being made to reopen NDA for the 2020-21 school year, it has been a very busy summer. While we were ready to welcome our students back to campus on our original start date, we are following state and Diocesan guidelines and delaying our start to Monday, August 17. As Dr. Koehl and I said in our letter to you communicating that news last week, our school community is already learning to be flexible and adaptable this school year. I thank you for your support and understanding as we respond to the constantly changing situations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some important dates for the start of the 2020-21 school year:

- August 5 [2020 Back to School Night video](#) available through Panda Press Weekly
- August 10 Freshman Orientation
- August 17 Juniors and Seniors report to school
- August 18 Freshmen and Sophomores report to school
- August 19 All students report to school

Each year, I enjoy meeting our parents when they come to campus in early August for our Back to School Night presentations. In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this year we have decided to deliver that presentation to our parents in a pre-recorded video. Please take a few moments to view our [2020 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT VIDEO](#) which includes information regarding our [Pandas Return to Campus Plan](#), 2020-21 school theme, new faculty and staff, Campus Ministry, Student Services, NDA communications and Back to School Information. The grade level information that is typically presented on Back to School Night is not included in this video but will be communicated to you at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding information in the video or NDA's Pandas Return to Campus Plan, you can submit them [HERE](#).

With less than two weeks until the first day of school, it is critically important that our school families follow all guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We do not want anything to jeopardize our ability to follow Plan 1 of our Pandas Return to Campus Plan with a full return of all students to in person instruction with safety precautions in place. Please encourage your daughter to make good choices by wearing a mask, social distancing and limiting her exposure to COVID-19 by only attending gatherings of 10 people or less. We also ask that you do not travel to high risks areas where there is a COVID-19 positivity rate greater than 15%.

Please note: Families who choose to join school remotely while NDA follows Plan 1 must request remote learning for their daughter with a [Remote Learning Request Form](#) by this **Friday, August 7, 2020**. This decision will be reevaluated after the first two weeks of the school year and parents can then make a decision regarding in person or remote learning for their daughter for the remainder of the quarter. Families will be asked at the end of the first quarter what they would like to do for the 2nd quarter.

We appreciate the cooperation of our entire NDA community throughout these challenging times. As we move forward, please know that our goal is to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff while continuing to meet our responsibility to educate our students. Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR THEME ◀

Each year at NDA, our theme for the school year is based on one of the educational principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This year, our theme is focuses on **SND Educational Principle 2: The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God.**

We are excited to share our 2020 school year theme: **Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love.** This year, we will concentrate on how we appreciate, respect and reverence the uniqueness of each individual and the diversity among all persons. We will talk about how we can reverence the image of God in each person we encounter. Additionally, our theme this year will teach our NDA community how to provide opportunities and environments to help persons to claim and regain their human dignity, identity and self-worth. We invite you to share in our year of **#humankINDness!**

Uniting Humankind as reflections of God's love



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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Seek what is good
for others and for all.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

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!



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
- Remote Learning Request Form
- NDA COVID-19 Response Chart for Students and Staff
- and more!

PLEASE NOTE!
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REMOTE LEARNING REQUEST FORM ◀

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS FOR PARENTS ◀

Each year, our parents are invited to come to campus in early August for a presentation from NDA administrators regarding the new school year. In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, this year we have decided to deliver that presentation to our parents in a pre-recorded video.

The [2020 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT VIDEO](#) for parents includes information regarding our Pandas Return to Campus Plan, our 2020-21 school theme, new faculty and staff, Campus Ministry, Student Services, NDA communications and Back to School Information.

If you have any questions regarding information in the video or NDA's Pandas Return to Campus Plan, you can submit them [HERE](#).



STUDENT LIFE



PARKING PASSES ◀

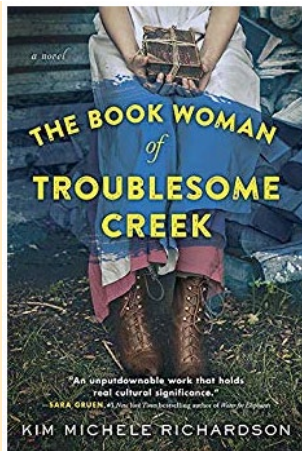
Parking passes will go on sale for seniors this Friday starting at 7:00 a.m. All passes will be sold electronically requiring the use of a credit card for payment; passes for the year are \$25 each. All students purchasing a pass will be required to upload a picture of their valid driver's license for the school's records. Physical passes will be passed out on the first day of school during homeroom.

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 opens for Seniors at 7:00 a.m.
Monday, August 10:	Form opens for Juniors at 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 12:	Form opens 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



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](#).



GOT PANDA SPIRIT? GET PANDA SPIRIT WEAR! ◀

Let me hear that Panda Spirit! What's that you say?
Let me hear that Panda Spirit! Say Pandas! Pandas! Pandas!

NDA's online Bambootique has new T-shirts in stock for students to wear on Spirit Day Friday's! You can check out everything in the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
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Class of 2024 Freshman Orientation

Monday, August 10
8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

We can't wait
to see you!

Don't forget your mask!



2020-21 ORIENTATION INFORMATION ◀

Hello Class of 2024! Freshmen Orientation is scheduled for Monday, August 10, so each of you should attend one of the three sessions. You have been assigned to a session based on your homeroom assignment. See the assigned sessions below.

BLUE SESSION: Homerooms 312, 302

8:30	Welcome in Alumnae Hall
9:00	Schedule Walk Through
10:15	Dismissal from 7th Period

GOLD SESSION: Homerooms 303, 311

10:00	Welcome in Alumnae Hall
10:30	Schedule Walk Through
11:45	Dismissal from 7th Period

WHITE SESSION: Homerooms 306, 308

11:30	Welcome in Alumnae Hall
12:00	Schedule Walk Through
1:15	Dismissal from 7th Period

Some helpful information about Orientation Day:

- Bring your iPads with you.
- You will receive your lanyard and school ID on this day.
- You will need to bring a copy of your class schedule which will be available in PowerSchool in the next week or so.
- Uniforms are not required, but masks are.
- Everyone on campus must practice social distancing.
- COVID-19 mitigation strategies will be in place, so you can experience these while on campus (directional hallways, assigned entrances/exits, etc).
- Your teachers are looking forward to meeting you on Orientation Day!

If you have any questions or are unable to attend your assigned session, please contact me or Mrs. Amber Grayson, assistant principal, at graysona@ndapandas.org.

**HELP
WANTED**

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Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is searching for a flexible Part-Time Custodian to assist with facility cleaning, trash removal, sanitizing common spaces and other routine housekeeping and maintenance tasks. Normal hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, with possible additional hours based on weekly work demand.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move equipment and supplies. Custodial experience is preferred. A High School diploma or GED equivalent, a valid driver's license and Virtus training is required.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to ndahr@ndapandas.org.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

PANDA GOLF ◀

Our Panda Golfers began their season this week playing in 4 events! They are improving in each one so far!

THANK YOU! ◀

It was a great day to support Notre Dame Academy Athletics with some socially distanced golf at NDA's 22nd Annual Golf Outing! Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Ortho Cincy, as well as all of our other corporate and event sponsors. We are very grateful to NDA's Assistant to the Athletic Director, Susan Colvin, and all of our Annual Golf Outing committee members and participants for helping to make this a record breaking year despite the challenge of COVID-19. We missed having our athletes at the event in person but they were definitely there in spirit - and some in cutouts!



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. 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.

In light of Governor Beshear's newest executive order in regard to mass gatherings, **we regretfully decided to cancel the freshmen, junior, and senior gift gathering parties.** However, we need your help more than ever to make the Gala a success.

How can you help? We have put together an online form that you can use as a guide in shopping for gift cards and other Gala donations. Please use the form to find your daughter's class and the respective list.

Freshmen Parents - [Click Here](#)

Sophomore Parents - [Click Here](#)

Junior Parents - [Click Here](#)

Senior Parents - [Click Here](#)

Simply sign up next to the gift you choose to donate. Sophomore parents, there is also a sign-up list for you if you were not able to attend your in-person Gift Gathering Party held earlier in July.

You can drop off your items at school on **Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11, from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This would also be a good time for you to pick up some Panda spirit wear you may have ordered at the [online Bambootique](#). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NDA Gala Committee

GALA GIFT GATHERING

COMMUNITY NEWS



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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 3-5	Bridge Program
August 5	Back to School Night Video available
August 10	Freshman/New Student Orientation
August 14	No School: Feast of the Assumption
August 17	First Day of School - Juniors and Seniors Only
August 18	Freshmen and Sophomores Only
August 19	All Students at School
September 7	No School: Labor Day
September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents