



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I am very happy to report that our first week welcoming students back to campus has been very successful. So far we have had orientation days for our seniors, juniors and sophomores and we are excited to have our freshmen back on campus tomorrow. Friday we will have our juniors and seniors attend a regular school day together and Monday will be a full return of our student body.

Please note that our schedule this year will depend heavily on what we have learned in the days, weeks and months prior. Each day this week we have had the opportunity to see what works best for the safe return of our students and we have made adjustments accordingly. **I ask that you and your daughter are more attentive than ever to the emails you receive from NDA this school year.** With the uncertainty of COVID-19, there are likely to be more changes to our schedule than in past years.

I have another important request of you this evening. **I would like you to please encourage your daughter to do her best to make good choices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 when she is not in school.** We are doing everything we can to keep our students safe while they are on our campus but unfortunately safe practices and protocols we follow here at school are not always followed when our students leave school. I know it's difficult for our students to social distance from their friends but if we want to continue to follow an in person plan at NDA this school year, they are going to have to be careful in and out of school. We ask that they simply social distance with members outside of their household, wear a mask outside of their household and wash their hands often and thoroughly. Those simple steps can be the difference between our students attending classes in person or remotely this school year.

Our theme this year, "Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love," encourages us to "Seek what is good for others and for all." The responsibility to take the necessary precautions to keep ourselves and each other safe during this global pandemic falls on all of us - in school and out of school. It's not easy but it's important and I know our students are up for the challenge!

Thank you very much for your support this school year. We truly appreciate your commitment to your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Uniting Humankind
as reflections of God's love

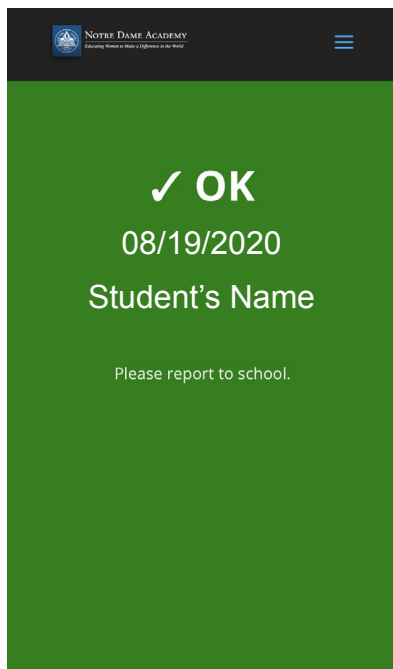


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NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

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!



NDA COVID-19 SELF TEST ◀

While there have been many new protocols, policies, guidelines and modifications at NDA in order to reopen school for the 2020-21 school year, the NDA COVID-19 Self Test may be one of the best! This self test is completed by NDA students in the morning before they enter the building. Their responses to the Self Test will produce a green or red screen on their phone or iPad. If they receive a green screen, it indicates that they are healthy to attend school that day and they can then show school personnel as they enter the building. If the screen is red, students know that they will need to contact the school nurse before reporting to school. Along with the self test, school personnel will also be taking student temperatures.

FIRST WEEK PICS ◀

It has been wonderful having our Pandas back on campus this week! Take a look with these great shots from Mrs. Benkert!



STUDENT LIFE

NDA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ◀

During the week of July 20, 12 Pandas participated Notre Dame Academy's sixth annual Leadership Summit hosted by 1981 graduate, Sue Wehrman who currently serves as the Global Leadership Strategist at General Electric Power and Water Division. Ms. Wehrman challenged the developing leaders to grow as strategic thinkers and effective communicators while refining their skills to successfully lead teams, committees and clubs.

Jenna Barlage

Anne Heuker

Alyssa Coburn

Lily Sassler

Claire Dunham

Hailey Taylor

Delaney Eviston

Emelia Campbell

Rachel Finke

Kendall Hemsath

Margaret Gartner

Brooke Murphy

NDA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

This school year, "Grab and Go" lunches will be available to purchase through NDA. Each week, students will need to order their lunches for the following week. [CLICK HERE](#) for the order form for next week.

This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. Please indicate which day you would like to purchase lunch next week. Check all that apply. Payment will be due upon pick up in the cafeteria and using your ID card barcode and will be charged to your NDA lunch account through [PayPams](#).

Orders are due by 3:00 p.m. each Friday. **Orders for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21.**

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

WELCOME! ◀

NDA is thrilled to announce Kristen Brewer as our new varsity cheer coach. Kristen was on the UC Dance Team, performing with the National Championship Team. She was a Ben Gal for 8 years and represented them at the Pro Bowl. She was the Junior Ben Gal Head Coach for 5 years and has 9 years of experience coaching Cheer at Indian Hill High School. We are thrilled to have Kristen at NDA and are looking forward to this Cheer season!



If you are interested in joining cheer please sign up on Final Forms and email coach Brewer at brewerk@ndapandas.org.

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.

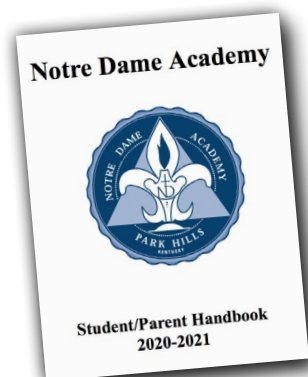
Crew Interviews will take place August 28 and will be digital. The sign up link can be found on the [NDA website](#) and will be emailed out to students.

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



JOIN THE PANDATONES ◀

Students of all grade levels are invited to join the PandaTones! Contact Mrs. [Kelsey Chander](#) for more information.



STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK 2020-21 ◀

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



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

We have a new item in the NDA spirit shop - a seersucker jacket! They are going fast so order your's today and take advantage of the clearance items at our [online Bambootique!](#)



100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19th AMENDMENT ◀

Yesterday, August 18, marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. As a school dedicated to educating young women to make a difference in our world, it seems fitting to acknowledge the significance of this day to our country!



SAY CHEESE! ◀

Mark your calendars and practice your smile! Picture day this year is scheduled for Friday, September 4. You can download the order form [HERE](#).

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 ◀



Virtual College Visits!

COLLEGE LUNCH VISITS REMIXED! ◀

In the past, NDA has provided College Visits for students during Lunches. This was a chance for students to get information about various colleges across the country. Due to COVID-19, we cannot invite College Reps into the building, but we will be organizing Virtual College Visits for NDA students! See the UK Visit information below. More will be coming soon!

UK Virtual Visit for NDA

Tuesday, Sept. 15

7 p.m.

Register in advance: [UK: NDA Visit](#)



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/>



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- 2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff



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!



Notre Dame Academy is fortunate to have generous Corporate Sponsors for our annual events: the Women Making a Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing and the Autumn Gala. Their ongoing support helps provide tuition assistance to those students who may not otherwise be able to benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. Their partnership with Notre Dame Academy also helps to promote the NDA mission of educating young women to make a difference. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations. You can find a complete list of our NDA Corporate and Event Sponsors [HERE](#).

Would You Like to Become a Corporate Sponsor?

To request a brochure or to get further information about becoming a corporate sponsor for Notre Dame Academy, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at goeken@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851. Special thanks to our corporate sponsors listed below. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations.

▶ Important dates

August 19	Sophomores Only (in two groups) Junior Student Services Google Meet
August 20	Freshmen Only (in two groups) Sophomore Student Services Google Meet Senior Car Painting
August 21	Mass in chapel at 7:20 a.m. Juniors and Seniors Only - Spirit wear with uniform skirts
August 24	All Students at School
September 4	Picture Day
September 7	No School: Labor Day
September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents