



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Our gradual start to the school year last week with each class coming back for half day orientation sessions allowed us to ensure success of the whole school returning on Monday. It has been wonderful to see all of our students back together on campus once again. All of the new expectations, masks and social distancing didn't stop our Pandas from making their first day back at NDA a spirited and joyful day. Their excitement for the new school year each August is like nothing you will ever see at any other school. NDA truly is a very special place!

I would like to thank our faculty and staff for all that they are doing to make in person learning possible this school year. They are an amazing group of educators and I am very impressed with their ability to be flexible, adaptable and creative during this challenging time. Our focus continues to be the health and safety of students, faculty and staff therefore we will continue to closely observe how the school days are going and make any necessary adjustments.

We have worked hard and made a number of changes at NDA to make in person learning possible this school year. We have also put our faith in God and said quite a few prayers for the safe return of our students. As a Catholic school, prayer is a very important part of the school day at Notre Dame Academy. We begin each day with prayer and end each day with our Afternoon Prayer which I would like to share with you today...

As this school day draws to a close, Lord, I reflect with satisfaction on my accomplishments. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do honorable work. Where I have succeeded in being a true Christian, I am grateful. Where I have failed I beg your forgiveness. I will not dwell on the work left undone, for with your grace, I will be here tomorrow to begin anew.

Stay safe and healthy and have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Uniting Humankind
as reflections of God's love



Seek what is good for others and for all.



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!

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



FROM THE NDA NURSE'S OFFICE ◀

NDA's new school nurse, Mrs. Tina Sizemore, put together a document with some basic COVID-19 information including how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. You can find this useful information [HERE](#).



PLEASE NOTE ◀

- Masks must be worn from the student's car and while in the building (unless given other instructions by school personnel).
- All students (FR, SO, JR, SR) arriving before 7:30 a.m. will enter through the main door. After 7:30 a.m., the two entrances go into effect. Juniors and Seniors will enter the school at the main entrance, and Freshmen and Sophomores will enter through the Fitness Room door.
- If students arrive before 7:30 a.m., they should go to the cafeteria/auditorium. After 7:30 a.m., students should go to their 1st period class.

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!

STUDENT LIFE

REMOTE LEARNERS ◀

Students currently enrolled as remote learners at NDA must inform NDA of their intentions for the remainder of the first quarter. In addition, any student electing remote learning for the rest of the quarter must do so by Friday, September 4. [CLICK HERE](#) to inform us of your family's decision.

Administration must have advanced notice of a student's absence in order to approve and arrange for remote learning. All remote learning arrangements must begin with Administration's approval, so families are expected to contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Grayson or School Nurse Mrs. Sizemore should circumstances require a student's extended absence.



WELCOME BACK! ◀

Student Council put together a fun video for our first day back at school. Hopefully it brought a little humor to our student's day and reminded them of what it means to be a part of the Panda community! You can watch it [HERE](#).

Picture Day

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](#).



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

There are some new items in the Bambootique! A Nike Tee for \$22 and NDA Hair Tees for \$1. You can find them here: [online Bambootique!](#)

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 28.**

Reminders about lunch: If you did not order a grab and go lunch through NDA's cafeteria (orders were due last Friday), you should pack a lunch. There is also a snack box available to purchase during your lunch should you need a little extra something. Lunchboxes should be stored in your backpack or purse throughout the day. Lunch location assignments are as follows:

- Seniors: Cafeteria and Soccer Field
- Juniors: Auditorium and Soccer Field
- Sophomores: Gym and Marian Circle
- Freshmen: Gym and Marian Circle





¡NOTICIAS DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE LENGUAS! NEWS FROM THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT! ◀

Last April we were preparing to take the National Spanish Exam but, with so many schools in flux, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese extended the deadline and decided to release results at the beginning of this school year. So students have been waiting since early May for these results. We commend all those who participated. It certainly shows that our students continued their learning even in challenging situations.

Spanish 1

Plata (Silver)

Kennedy Clark
Kendall Hemsath
Ava Jacobs
Peyton Mast
Elissa Romer

Bronce

Aly Cain
Jada Kramer
Katie Wainscott
Ella Weitzel

Honorable Mention

Mia Bishop
Adele France
Katie Graves
Leah Kokocinski
Caroline Kramer
Lainey Kruger

Spanish 2

Plata (Silver)

Megan Chun
Natalie Janzaruk
Jackie Neltner
Paige Donnelly

Bronce

Lizzie Chun
Emily Walden
Gabby Browning
Lydia Naberhaus

Honorable Mention

Macie Feldman
Dinithi Fernando
Jodi Lovensheimer
Kate McBride
Lily Osterkamp
Megan Paolucci
Maddie Payne
Gwyneth Thomas
Hailey Fullenkamp
Grace Heberling
Lauren Heupel
Jillian MacKnight
Sydney McMain
Evie Meyer
Mary Roebker
Jenna Shriver
Charlotte Sprecher
Katie Thomas
Ella Wright

Spanish 3

Plata (Silver)

Shelby Turney
Rachel Young

Bronce

Hayley Jansen

Honorable Mention

Isabel Alcorn
Margaret Gartner
Claire Schmidt
Natalie Bessler
Abby Breeze
Savannah Puglisi
Jena Rezelj

Spanish 4

Bronce

Emelia Campbell

Honorable Mention

Mary Ann Nerswick

Spanish 5

Honorable Mention

Laney Ratterman



JOIN THE PANDATONES ▶

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



NDA STUDENT PLACES AT GSE COMPETITION ◀

NDA's Paige Neuhaus recently placed first place in the GSA Demo Day competition along with her teammates from across the state. The team won \$1,000 with Pathfinder - an app similar to Waze but specific to colleges and universities, allowing users to request companions, quickly call for help and report happenings across campus.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is a free 5-week residential program for outstanding KY students the summer after completing their **11th grade** of high school. The program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full residential life experience while living on a KY college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. GSP hopes to have **current information and videos posted on their website by September 4th** that explain the 7 sections of their application. NDA students wishing to apply to GSP this year are asked to watch these videos before coming to our GSP Informational Session, which will be held later in September. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.

SUPPORT GROUPS ◀

Support groups will be forming soon for students whose families have experienced divorce or other non-traditional formations and would like support. Divorce groups meet once a week for 5 weeks each semester, and are scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one misses any class more than once a semester. Divorce Groups are organized by grade level, and will begin in late September. If you think your daughter would benefit from participation in Divorce Group, please contact Mrs. Hildreth

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](#)



**College
Rep
Visits**



“Making the Right Choice Easy”

FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN for teens to rely on to remain drug free and GET REWARDED for it!

DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Membership at NDA has steadily increased over the years; last year 83% of our Pandas joined.
- Members can rely on testing as an “out” for drug related situations by saying, “I can’t, I might get tested”.
- Only parents receive test results.
- Parents are notified via email of perfect moments to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card to show to local merchants for “rewards” to recognize their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members continues throughout the school year.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying “I can’t” stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!

Cost is only \$25/year...(because Notre Dame Academy pays the cost of \$10 for every student member!) but, **if you join as a Freshman and pay \$75 for 3 years, your 4th/Senior year is FREE!!**

Applications for Notre Dame Academy’s Drug Free Club are available on the [Drug Free Clubs website](#), through a link on the [NDA Back to School](#) page, and in the Main School Office and the Counselor Quad. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.



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!



Atlas Home Fitness is a regional sales and service provider of Commercial Fitness Equipment to professional fitness centers like the YMCA. Nine out of ten times, when we install a piece of fitness equipment, we buy the trade-ins. We clean and service the traded in equipment and resell to the public for home use. We only buy it if it is less than 5 years old. Although it may be used, commercial fitness equipment will feel better and last longer than any new retail product on the market. You will save thousands for top notch quality. It's like buying a Mercedes for the cost of a Suzuki. We have in home service and installation if needed. For more information, click [HERE](#).

▶ Important dates

August 28

Opening School Mass

September 4

Picture Day

September 7

No School: Labor Day

September 30

Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents