



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

We completed our first full week of school with all grade levels in attendance last week and it is great to see our Pandas engaged in meaningful learning together at NDA once again!

I am happy to tell you that everyone has been doing a good job following our new protocols and procedures. Mrs. Grayson and I have been reviewing our new safety guidelines at grade level meetings this past week and the one item that needs to be emphasized the most is our mask policy. **PLEASE NOTE that students should be wearing a mask at all times when on campus.** Even as students walk to and from their cars each day or when waiting for an after school activity to begin, I expect them to be wearing a mask. I know this is difficult but it is necessary for safety and well being of our community. You can find more information about our NDA Mask Policy Update on the following page.

Our theme this school year, *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*, invites us to *Seek what is good for others and for all.* We are doing this each in every day by wearing our masks and in many other ways. Wearing a mask and social distancing from friends is a sacrifice for all of us and especially for our students, but they are important sacrifices we need to make to be supportive of one another's health and well being. I believe that our students are more than capable of doing this for each other.

It is essential to have our students on campus this school year to be a part of our community where we can support them in their development and emotional and intellectual needs. We have worked very hard to make it possible for our students to attend in person learning and with the support of our parents and students, our Pandas Return to Campus Plan has been very successful. We hope to see that success continue. To that end, I have strongly encouraged our students to follow COVID-19 safety protocols not only while at NDA but outside of school as well. It is critically important that we stay focused on the common good and what science tells us about COVID-19: the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Parents, we need your help to make this happen. **Please encourage your daughter to do the following over Labor Day weekend so that we can continue to make in person learning work at NDA:**

- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick**
- **Social Distance by putting 6 feet of space between yourself and people who don't live in your household**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when you are around others or you leave your home**
- **Avoid groups of more than 10 people**

It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. Have a safe and healthy holiday weekend!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## 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!

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
PLEASE READ**

## NDA MASK POLICY UPDATE ◀

We have discussed our mask policy with students at grade level meetings however, it bears repeating - **MASKS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS AT ALL TIMES**. Students should be wearing their masks from the time they step out of their cars in the morning until they get back in their cars in the afternoon. The only reason a student should not be wearing a mask is if:

- A teacher has given permission to remove the mask
- A student is eating lunch
- If the mass requirement has been medically waived

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF COVINGTON ◀

Please read [this letter](#) from the Diocese regarding the importance of following health and safety requirements outside of school upcoming holiday weekend.

The Diocesan “Return to School Requirements” are continuously under review and have recently been revised based on new information. Please find the updated RETURN TO SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS from the Diocese [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE!  
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## 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

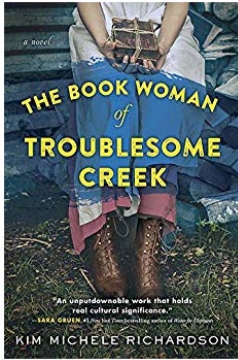
## PARENT MINI-NIGHT ◀

Postponed to a later date and will be shared virtually.

## TRAVEL POLICY ◀

Diocesan Mandates that may impact travel and/or college visits.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view on page 13 of the Diocesan Return to School Requirements.



## COMMON READER DAY: THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK ◀

Common Reader Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. Details will be shared at a later time, but we look forward to meeting (virtually) the book's author, Kim Michele Richardson, on this day!



## REMOTE LEARNERS ◀

**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.

## 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, September 4.**

**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. Lunch boxes 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





## 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](#).

# Campus Ministry

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

**Campus Ministry:** We will be offering mass at 7:20 a.m. every Friday morning in the chapel during the month of September. We also continue to pray a decade of the rosary every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:40 a.m. in the chapel. All students and faculty/staff members are welcome to join us.

**Service:** Mrs. Price has visited all of the Sophomore Religion Classes this week to discuss the Sophomore Service Requirements for this school year. These are different than what was presented in the Spring, due to the Pandemic. A description can be found [here](#).

**Dress Down Day:** We will have a dress down day on Thursday, Sept. 10, benefiting Relief work for Hurricane Laura. The cost is \$3.00 and students need to bring exact change (or make a larger than \$3 donation) as we will not be handing out change. Students are still required to wear a mask and their lanyards.



## WELCOME! ◀

NDA Counselor, Mrs. Erin Maggard, had her baby last week. Liviana Margaret came into the world at 12:37 a.m. on Friday, August 28. Please keep Erin, her husband Greg, big brother and big sister in your prayers. Welcome to the Panda family Liviana!



## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

We have to keep our Pandas hydrated so this week Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Brungs are taking 10% off of all cups in the Bambootique! Check them all out online here: [online Bambootique!](#)

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to Lauren Carothers for being 1 of 3 players from the state of KY on the 2020 High School All-American Game Watch List.

Congratulations to Senior Volley Pandas Anna Long and Emma Grace for being named to the KVCA Preseason Watch List!

NDA Volleyball ranked #6 in Region 5 (Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia) in AVCA/USA Today preseason regional rankings.

## NDA | CCH BAND ◀

The Faculty Parking Lot at NDA has been working out GREAT for Socially Distant Band Rehearsal!



## PHYSIC-ALLY SPEAKING... ◀

“Underclassmen stand 6 feet apart, seniors stand 6 yards apart!”



## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### DIOCESAN ACT BOOT CAMP WITH TORCHPREP ◀

Torchprep ACT prep classes will be doing a Diocesan virtual 8 week camp to prepare for the October 6 test that all seniors will be taking during the school day. If you are interested, visit the [Torchprep website](#) for more information. Class info: The class will start on September 10 and be on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### 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!



### College Rep Visits

#### UK Virtual Visit for NDA

Tuesday, Sept. 15

7 p.m.

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



### RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

New to NDA's Parent Toolbox this week!

- [50 Must-Read Young Adult Books about Mental Health](#)



***“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.

## **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.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VIRTUAL 2020 AUTUMN GALA ◀

Be sure to mark your calendar for the *2020 Autumn Gala*, scheduled for **Saturday, October 17**. Planning is in full swing for what is NDA largest fundraiser of the year. Because of the concerns for mass attendance at in-person events, the Executive Committee has made the decision to transform the Gala into a **Live Virtual Event!**

The Autumn Gala will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. There is **NO CHARGE** to “attend” the event, and directions on how to participate will be forthcoming. The Gala will feature emcee Joe Danneman from Fox 19 news, President Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA principal Jack VonHandorf and his roaming cameras, a live telephone bank with “celebrity” guests, fabulous items you can bid on, signature cocktail demonstrations, student videos, games, raffles, giveaways, and much much more. Registration for the Gala will be forthcoming.

**Have you purchased your Autumn Gala Alumnae Raffle chances yet?** This is a great way for you to support the Gala, while at the same time, have a chance to win significant dollars! As a reminder, NDA keeps 55% of the total revenue, the raffle winner receives 40%, and second prize winner receives 5%. The Raffle winner will be chosen during the Gala on October 17 via livestream.

*As a reminder, this is not the student fundraiser - students will not be selling chances for this raffle.*

To purchase raffle chances, please go to: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/2020AutumnGalaRaffle> no later than October 16.





Julie Tapke-Dusing  
Trey Tapke  
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### COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

## ▶ Important dates

September 3	12:52 p.m. SO Grade Level Mtg. in gym; FR, JR and SR in HR
September 4	7:20 a.m. Mass in Chapel  Picture Day
September 7	No School: Labor Day
September 30	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents