



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin tonight by congratulating our Varsity Volleyball team. Our Volleyball Pandas brought home a State Title for the first time in 26 years! We are proud of their hard work and congratulate them. I would also like to thank our JV Volleyball Pandas for their support of our NDA Volleyball Program this season and congratulate them on their District Championship on the road to state!

Tomorrow we transition to Plan 3 of our Pandas Return to School Plan with Remote Learning @ NDA - full remote learning for all students. We will follow this plan for the remainder of this week and you will receive a communication on Friday informing you of how we plan to move forward after this week. In the meantime, students have received an updated schedule for Thursday and Friday and all extracurricular and athletic activities are cancelled for this week.

This transition is being done out of an abundance of caution for some very important reasons:

- This break gives us the time needed to assess our current situation and to complete our contact tracing efforts with the most recent COVID-19 cases.
- With students learning remotely we will have the time to do a deep cleaning of our school building.
- COVID-19 is continuing to spread at an alarming rate in Northern Kentucky with all counties in the red zone.

According to the NKY Health Department, our region is seeing a tremendous increase in daily COVID-19 cases with over 250 new cases daily. The NKY community spread is greatly affecting our NDA community. We truly appreciate the excellent job our faculty, staff and students have done helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at NDA. We attribute their efforts to the fact that we have not had any community spread of COVID-19 at NDA to date. The cases we are currently dealing with and the cases we have had so far this school year are related to activities which took place outside of school.

I have been reminding our NDA community or months how important it is for all of us to make intelligent and unselfish decisions during this challenging time. **We must 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, I am going to continue to appeal to you to encourage your daughter to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies outside of school so that we can return to in person learning at NDA as soon as possible. Masking and social distancing both work - we have proven that at NDA. I understand that students prefer to be together and may want to participate in remote learning together but that will completely defeat the purpose of this transition. Please discourage your daughter from gathering with others during this time.

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. We thank you for your support!

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!

FROM THE  
SCHOOL  
NURSE



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE ◀

In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19, please contact Mrs. McLeod in the front office ( 859-292-1821 or [mcleods@ndapandas.org](mailto:mcleods@ndapandas.org)) or Tina Sizemore, the school nurse, (859-292-1843 or [sizemoret@ndapandas.org](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org)).

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE THAT COVID-19 IS CONTINUING TO SPREAD AT AN ALARMING RATE IN NKY WITH ALL COUNTIES IN THE RED ZONE. PLEASE FOLLOW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO HELP GET THE SPREAD OF THIS VIRUS UNDER CONTROL.**

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR DAUGHTER TO FOLLOW COVID-19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES SO THAT WE CAN RETURN TO IN PERSON LEARNING AT NDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

## 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!*

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

### SOCCER

Congratulations to Lauren Carothers for being named Ms. Kentucky Soccer! Lauren was also named to the United Soccer Coaches All-South Region Team and is an All-American Selection!

### VOLLEYBALL

The Pandas played 5 hard-fought sets against Mercy Academy of Louisville and brought home a State Title for the first time in 26 years. We are proud of their hard work! They were lead by head coach Molly McDermott, a 1990 NDA graduate and 1989 State Champion. Coach McDermott is the first volleyball coach to win a state title both as a player and coach in Kentucky. She was assisted by two other NDA graduates, Leslie (Schellhaas) Litmer, 2010 and Jenna (Schreiver) Leistner, 2009. Congratulations Pandas!



# STUDENT LIFE

## Remote Learning @ NDA

### REMOTE LEARNING @ NDA ◀

The schedule has been updated for the rest of this week. The student weekly Padlet has been updated to reflect schedule changes for tomorrow and Friday. [CLICK HERE](#) to view it.

#### If you need assistance:

If you need assistance at any point, email your Academic Counselor:

Freshman, Soph, & Juniors: Mrs Monohan ([monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org))

Seniors: Ms. Burgei ([burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org))

#### Remote Learner Class Expectations:

- Attend all classes for the entire class period.
- Show your whole face on Google Meets for the entire class time unless given alternative instructions from your teacher. (You may be expected to use your phone for the Google Meet and your iPad to take notes and do classwork).
- Respond to emails from teachers and counselors promptly (within a few hours), including messages that happen in a Google Meet chat during class.
- Email a teacher right away if you have a problem or a question.
- Make sure you join classes remotely at a desk or a table (not in a bed).
- Uniforms are expected unless indicated otherwise in the bulletin or email from Admin.

#### Co-Curricular Expectations

- Join homeroom and other assemblies as scheduled and indicated on the weekly bulletin.
- Check-ins with proctors are not required for study halls. Attendance will not be taken.
- Clubs, athletics, theatre and other after school or before school extra-curricular activities are cancelled for the rest of the week.

#### Virtual Panda Prime Time

- For help from a teacher during Panda Prime Time, submit a request [HERE](#). All other PPT directions will be provided by the teacher.
- If you receive a notification from a teacher, you are expected to meet with him/her during the designated PPT. If you do not show up, disciplinary consequences may occur.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month - Kendall Hemsath! You can read more about Kendall [HERE](#).



## NDA AND CCH PRESENTS... MACBETH ◀

Watch NDA/CCH's filmed production of William Shakespeare's Macbeth here: <https://vimeo.com/477174316>



## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

As part of our 2020 Open House Experience week, the Bambootique is giving 10% off all orders with the discount code: Class of 2025 in celebration of our prospective Pandas! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique!](#)



## ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

[CLICK HERE](#) for the lunch 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, November 13.**

**PARENTS: Please check the students lunch account balances through [PayPams](#). We have many with overdue balances.**



## LEARN ABOUT AMAZONSMILE AND SUPPORT NDA ◀

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you should know about AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is sign up [HERE](#) and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to Notre Dame Academy! Thanks for supporting NDA!



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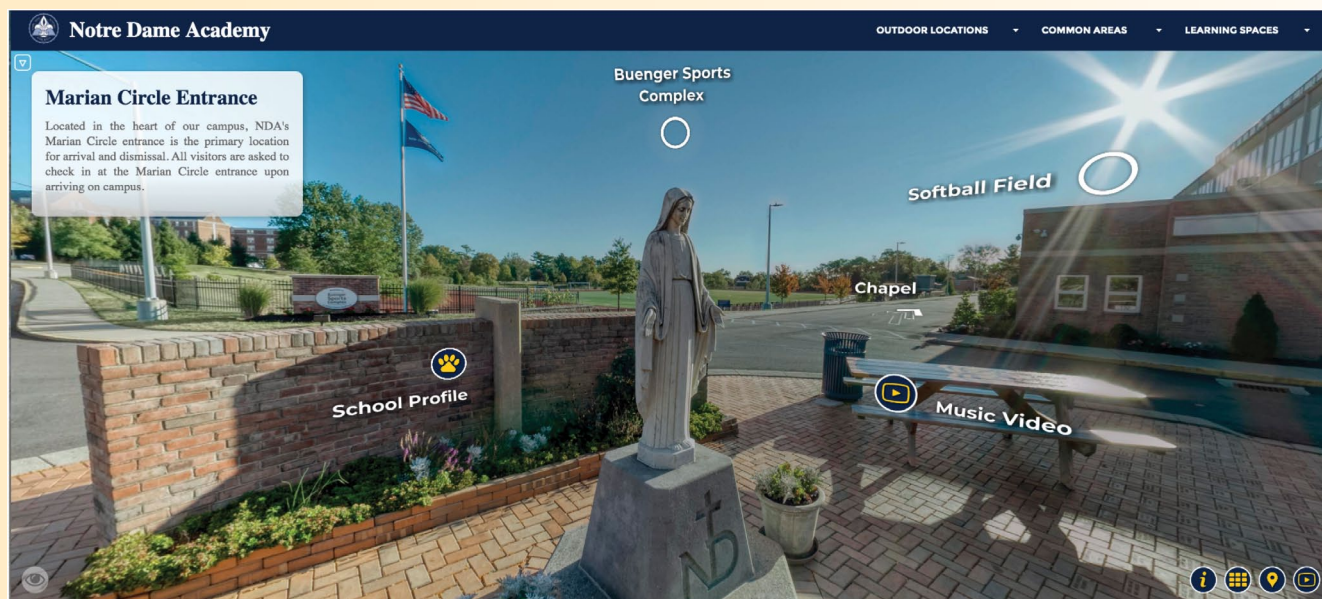


**Do you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world?**

If you know an 8th grade girl who could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education, please share our 2020 Open House Experience information with her.

Beginning on Sunday, November 8, NDA kicked off a week of virtual and in-person events to showcase The Notre Dame Life.

**All Open House materials are available on NDA's website: [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org).**



## **NDA'S NEW VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE TOUR** ◀

An important element of our 2020 Open House Experience is our new interactive virtual tour of NDA's campus. The tour is layered with pictures, information and videos to showcase all that NDA has to offer prospective Pandas. Check it out [HERE](#).

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



### BEST AWARD WINNERS FOR QUARTER 1 ◀

Congratulations to those students who were chosen by their teachers as BEST students for Quarter 1. These students stood out to their teachers as putting forth great effort and seeking out help when needed:

Freshman: Claire Coppage

Sophomore: Keira Schneider

Juniors: Megan Paolucci and Gwentyth Newman

Senior : Annie Judy

### VIRTUAL COUNSELING SESSION ◀

If you would like to have a virtual counseling session please reach out to one of the personal counselors. At this time we are happy to have a google meet with you before/after school, during a study hall, or during Panda Prime Time.

Mrs. Hildreth ([hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org))

Mrs. Maggard ([maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org))

### COLLEGE REP VISITS ◀

We are organizing Virtual College Visits specifically for NDA students/families. All grade levels are welcome (and parents can join if they would like).

*\*You need to Pre-Register for some visits (these are noted)*

*\*For all other visits, simply use the "Visit Link" on the night of the visit*

#### Eastern Kentucky University

Thursday, November 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://eku.zoom.us>

#### Gateway Community & Technical College

Monday, November 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <http://docs.google.com>

Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ [burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org)



### College Rep Visits



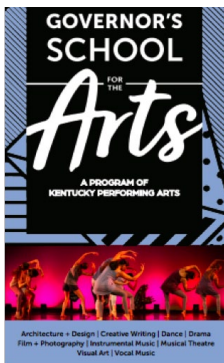
## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)



## GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

**Applications are due to Mrs. Hildreth November 18.** Students should review the [Helpful Hints Packet](#) found on the [GSP website](#) before completing their application. It has information one needs to know to successfully complete the GSP application, and informational videos. **Mrs. Hildreth will be available on Thursdays in the Quad during Panda Prime Time for anyone who would like help with their application.**



## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

Architecture	Creative Writing	Musical Theater
Visual Art	Instrumental Music	Drama
Film & Photography	Vocal Music	Dance

KY Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) 2020-21

**SIGN UP for Info Sessions [HERE](#)** (Registration is FREE but REQUIRED.)

**Applicant Guides have been released** on the [GSA website](#).

**Meet Your Adjudicators** (November through December)- Each Art Form has a different session. Registrations FREE but REQUIRED. See the [LIST](#) on pg. 2

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) ◀

GSE has scheduled [Virtual Learning Events](#) this fall for prospective applicants and their families to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process:

Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

This free, prestigious program will take place on Northern Kentucky University's campus in the summer of 2021. **All current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students are welcome to apply.** [@KentuckyGSE | Linktree](#)







[The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati](#) is a regional wholesale bank providing financial services for residential housing and economic development to 652 member stockholders in the FHLB System's Fifth District of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Eligible stockholders include banks, thrifts, credit unions, insurance companies and community development financial institutions. We are one of 11 Federal Home Loan Banks nationwide, a system created by Congress in 1932 to support housing finance. Our mission is to provide our Member-stockholders with financial services and a competitive return on their capital investment to help them facilitate and expand housing finance and community investment, and achieve their objectives for liquidity and asset liability management.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Cafeteria Staff Needed
- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

## ▶ Important dates

November 11	No School: Faculty Professional Development Day
November 12	Remote Learning @ NDA (RL BLUE)
November 13	Remote Learning @ NDA (RL GOLD)
November 20	Candemonium Ends
November 24	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 7	JR Retreat (no classes on this day)
December 8	No School - Immaculate Conception
December 12	HSPT and ACT at NDA