



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

As you read the Panda Press Weekly tonight, it will be obvious to you that we did not anticipate the new restrictions from Governor Beshear this afternoon on gatherings, restaurants and especially schools. Although we had every intention of transitioning back to Plan 1 of our Pandas Return to School Plan with Traditional Learning @ NDA beginning on Saturday, November 21, it looks as though we are going to need to pivot as we have done so many times before in 2020. Rest assured, Dr. Koehl and I will consult with the Diocese and communicate our plan moving forward to you by the end of this week. In the meantime, we continue with Remote Learning @ NDA through Friday as planned.

I do have some good news to share with you today. Our students and faculty members have reported a very smooth transition to Plan 3 of our Pandas Return to School Plan with Remote Learning @ NDA - full remote learning for all students. We invested a great deal of time over the summer developing a more manageable remote learning schedule and it seems to be working. Plan 3 has been well received by our entire community this past week. As much as I love having our students and teachers engaged in education in person at NDA, I can't help but feel blessed to have the technology and plans in place at Notre Dame Academy to undertake remote learning so successfully when necessary.

It has been a long and difficult year for all of us in so many different ways. It's important for us to remember and to remind each other what is at the core of our beliefs as children of God. Our faith teaches us that even in the darkness, God is there for us. He is ever-present lifting us up and giving us hope. As people of faith, we trust in the good God and we in turn find grace and joy in lifting one another up.

I have always liked the saying, "We are called to be beacons of hope to a world in need." I am truly encouraged by the beacons of hope among us: our students, parents, faculty and staff. As the world has been in tremendous need over the past nine months, I have seen countless examples of our community remembering our calling to bring light into the world. I am very proud of our students and the maturity and courage with which they are handling the challenges of living through a global pandemic. They have been flexible, adaptable and creative. The resilient young women of Notre Dame Academy continue to amaze and inspire me each and every day.

Please continue to encourage your daughter to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. We care about our students and whether they are learning in person or remotely, we want them to be safe and healthy. At NDA, we are a community of believers and I believe that we will get through this difficult time and together we will come out stronger and wiser than before. We appreciate your continued support of NDA and want you to know that we are there to support your daughter and your family too.

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 ◀

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family. In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org or Mrs. McLeod in the front office 859.292.1821 or mcleods@ndapandas.org.
- It is important that your daughter continues to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. **PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR DAUGHTER FROM GATHERING WITH FRIENDS DURING THIS TIME.**
- If you are planning to travel anytime throughout the holiday season, please review the Travel Advisory Information section of our COVID-19 Information webpage [HERE](#). There are specific directives from the Diocese of Covington regarding travel which are posted on our COVID-19 Information webpage and can also be found on page 13 of the Diocese of [Covington Department of Catholic Schools COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#).

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

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT



SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT: PANDA PRIME TIME ◀

When we return to in-person learning at NDA, we will be making a change to our Traditional Learning @ NDA plan. When scheduled, Panda Prime Time will take place at the end of the day (rather than after 5th period) and students, if not expected to see a teacher or wanting to seek support from a teacher, can leave campus as early as 2:30. If a student fails to report for her PPT, she will be issued a violation.

The slight adjustment will help meet our students' academic needs as well as promoting the safest and healthiest environment for our school community. The cafeteria and auditorium will be available for students at the end of the day who are waiting for transportation or for extra curriculars to begin.

See schedule below:

Regular Schedule (R)

(45 minute classes, Panda Prime Time at the end of the day)

8:00	-	8:45	1st Class
8:52	-	9:37	2nd Class
9:44	-	10:29	3rd Class
10:36	-	11:01	First Lunch
11:08	-	11:53	4th Class
10:36	-	11:21	4th Class
11:28	-	11:53	Second Lunch
12:00	-	12:45	5th Class
12:52	-	1:37	6th Class
1:44	-	2:29	7th Class (Prayer, Announcements)
2:35	-	3:01	Panda Prime Time

CANDEMONIUM ENDS FRIDAY! ◀

From Student Council School Secretary, Jenna Danneman:

Due to being remote, we had to re-think how we can continue our canned food drive competition benefiting St. Vincent DePaul! They are in greater need than ever before this year due to the impact of COVID, and we want to be able to provide food for families that need a little help in order for them to have a Thanksgiving meal. We are hoping to be a huge help and collect as much as we possibly CAN!

We only have about 1600 cans collected so far, and have typically end the canned food drive with well over 5,000 cans to donate in the past years. Let's try and break the record!!

With all this being said, join us for our Candemonium Food Drive - By!!

You can find a flyer with all the details you will need to know on the next page! Remember: Success comes in CANS, not can'ts!!



CANDEMONIUM FOOD DRIVE - BY

Join us for the Notre Dame Academy
"Candemonium" food drive - by!

How do I help?

Drive over to the NDA campus and drop off canned food items to donate to St. Vincent DePaul

When?

Wednesday, November 18th (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)

Thursday, November 19th (7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)

Tell the volunteers at the drop off site what grade level you are contributing cans to, and the grade level to bring in the most cans this week will dismiss first from school for a whole week!

The overall winning grade level will receive Chick-Fil-A sandwiches during lunch one day!



Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Junior Retreat Reminder: Just a reminder that the Junior Class retreat will take place on Monday, Dec. 7 from 3:30-9:30 p.m. at NDA. All Juniors are expected to attend this class retreat. Juniors do NOT have classes on Monday, Dec 7. They must be at school by 3:30pm and check in in the gym. Juniors are permitted to be out of uniform for the retreat but need to follow the dress down dress code in the handbook. All Juniors must wear a mask and bring a drink for dinner/the evening. More information will be shared with the Juniors in the coming weeks.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

ATTENTION ALL PANDA SHOPPERS! NDA's online Bambootique is offering 10% off all sweatpants, leggings, and flannel pants through November 23! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique!](#)



NDA AND CCH PRESENTS... MACBETH ◀

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



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!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ANNUAL ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER

Coupon Book Pick Up MONDAY NOVEMBER 23rd and TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24th

If you ordered coupon books to sell for the athletic fundraiser please pick up your books after school in the auditorium on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Coupon Book Fundraiser Steps

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

GET BOOKS

- 01** Pick up and sign for your books on **MON 11/23 or TUES 11/24**

SELL BOOKS

- 02** Sell to family and friends \$25/book.

FILL OUT TALLY SHEET

- 03** [Fill out tally sheet here](#) with customer info including check and cash amounts collected

UPLOAD TALLY SHEET

- 04** [Upload here](#). MUST be an excel or google sheet.

TURN IN MONEY

- 05** Turn in your money marked with name **ON FRIDAY 1/8**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!

Sales Tips

**2 NDA COUPONS AVAILABLE
\$10 OF \$50 PURCHASE AT
BAMBOOTIQUE**

**"ASSIGNED" OUT OF UNIFORM
DAY**

**PANDA FAVORITES
REALITY TUESDAYS
BUNCHES OF BOWS
BIGGBY COFFEE
SKYLINE
BLINKERS
MACKENZIE RIVER,
SUBSTATION II
WALT'S**

**SOME COUPONS WILL NOT LIST
ALL FRANCHISE LOCATIONS
HOWEVER, SOME FRANCHISES
MAY HONOR THE COUPONS IF
YOU ASK**



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

2020

Open House

Experience

@ www.ndapandas.org



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. There are many opportunities for prospective Pandas to visit our campus in person or virtually!

All Open House materials are available on NDA's website: www.ndapandas.org.

HSPT
High School
Placement Test
REGISTRATION

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) REGISTRATION ◀

All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the High School Placement Test. The Diocesan-wide testing date for the HSPT is Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the HSPT registration form. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 4, 2020.

If your daughter tests at another location her results can be sent to Notre Dame Academy; however, **PRIORITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE HSPT AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.**

If you have any questions regarding the HSPT please contact NDA Director of Admissions Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



HOLIDAYS DURING THE PANDEMIC ◀

The holidays, while fun and exciting, can also bring about a lot of stress for families. This year in particular, it may be more stressful or even upsetting if you aren't able to see all your loved ones. Read more from the article [Holidays During the Pandemic](#) for tips on reducing stress, helping kids cope, and making new traditions.



KY AHEC HEALTH INVESTIGATORS PROGRAM ◀

The North Central Area Health Education Center NC AHEC is offering a virtual program. Students will join via zoom twice a month starting in January to May 2021. This will be a live presentation where health professionals will discuss their chosen careers. Various careers will be discussed like Nursing, Optometry, PT, OT, Forensic Medicine, etc. The space is limited to 35 students so students need to apply soon. Here is the link to apply: [AHEC Health Career Education Application](#)



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)

Mrs. Maggard (maggarde@ndapandas.org)



College Rep Visits

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



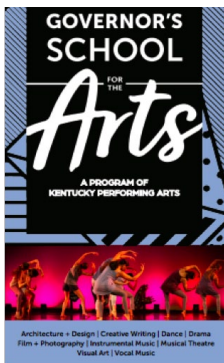
RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

The Deadline for GSP Applications has been extended to Monday, November 23 at 8:00 a.m. We plan to be at school in-person this day and paper copies of GSP Applications can be dropped off in the school office. If we remain on Remote Learning, GSP applications still need to be delivered to the office by this time. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.



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

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) ◀

Click to [Learn more and apply to GSE](#), which will take place on the campus of Northern KY University June 6-26, 2021.

Apply between Nov. 16, 2020 and January 25, 2021. Current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students can apply.

GSE is hosting virtual information sessions this fall for prospective applicants and their families.

Click to [REGISTER for Info Sessions](#)





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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 20	Candemonium Ends
November 21	NDA/CCH Band Drive In Christmas Concert (invitation only)
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