



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

We are working hard in order that we can continue to follow Plan 1 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* with all students in school with safety precautions in place. I would like to give special thanks this week to Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore, Sr. Mary Ethel and Mrs. McLeod for all they are doing to communicate with students and parents about COVID-19/illness situations, contact trace for COVID-19 positive members of our community, coordinate attendance and maintain our Remote Learner List. I cannot begin to tell you what a tremendous undertaking this has been and I am truly grateful for their efforts toward these important tasks.

I would like to thank you for communicating with NDA regarding COVID-19 related issues within your family. I cannot think of a time when the partnership we have with our parents has been so vital to the education of our students. It is critically important that we work together to keep our students safe and engaged in meaningful learning and I believe that communication is key to our success. **Please continue to report any COVID-19 related issues involving your family or other illnesses your daughter may be experiencing with our school nurse.**

Please note:

- If your daughter is absent, she is not automatically added to the Remote Learner List. Remote learners **MUST** have permission from Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore or Mrs. McLeod to be on the Remote Learner List. In some cases unrelated to COVID-19, it may be best for a student to take the necessary time to get well rather than attend school remotely. **ALSO**, students **MUST** be cleared by Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore or Mrs. McLeod prior to coming back to in person classes.
- **ALL TRAVEL IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED FOR NDA STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.** If you are planning to travel ANYTIME (including spring break), please see the [new CDC travel guidelines](#) as well our NDA travel advisory information on the following page.

In our efforts to keep our community safe and healthy, we continue to research the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our school building. Recent research suggests that antimicrobial treatments may reduce the risk of germ transmission better and safer than antibacterial sprays. We are currently in the process of incorporating antimicrobial treatments into our cleaning protocol at NDA.

Please keep sophomore Camryn Grayson and her family in your prayers. Camryn's father, Mr. Tom Miller, passed away earlier this week after a courageous battle with ALS. Please keep Camryn, her sister Grayson '18, her mother Andrea '88 and their extended family in your thoughts and prayers and may perpetual light shine upon Mr. Miller.

Thank you for your commitment to your daughter's Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy. We truly appreciate your support and your patience throughout this challenging school year.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION

Learn More >>

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REMEMBER, the [NDA COVID-19 Information page](#) on the website has many important resources for parents and students.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



REMOTE LEARNERS:

- Absent students are **NOT** automatically added to the Remote Learner List. Remote learners **MUST** have permission from NDA administration to be on the Remote Learner List. Students can get admin. permission by communicating with Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore or Mrs. McLeod.
- ALSO, students **MUST** be cleared by Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore or Mrs. McLeod prior to coming back to in person classes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION 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, RN. 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.**
- **TRAVEL ADVISORY INFORMATION:** We know that travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19 and that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Therefore, **ALL TRAVEL IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED FOR NDA STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.** If you are planning to travel **ANYTIME** (including spring break), please see the [CDC travel guidelines](#) and note that at NDA:
 - Prior to your trip, travel must be reported to our school nurse, [Tina Sizemore, RN.](#) (859.292.1843), [Mrs. McLeod](#) (859.292.1821) or [Mrs. Grayson](#) (859.292.1826).
 - International travel will require a 14 day quarantine.
 - Domestic travel that meets any of the following criteria will require a mandatory 10 day quarantine:
 - Travel via public transportation such as plane or bus
 - Travel outside of the Tri-State area
 - **A positive test result showing your daughter has antibodies from an infection that causes COVID-19 and/or a COVID-19 vaccination does not eliminate the need to quarantine after travel.**

MAKE GOOD CHOICES! HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Symptom Screenings & Health Precautions
- Contact Tracing
- Cleaning and Sanitizing our Campus
- Hand Sanitizing
- Masks
- Social Distancing
- Safety Barriers



Together we can Make a Difference!

As of today, Wednesday, January 13, we have had 10 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 since we last reported positive cases on January 6. As per our requirements, those involved are following the quarantine guidelines in our [COVID-19 Response Chart](#). We also have several members of our NDA community who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for in quarantine. Please note that 15% of those have chosen remote learning this semester.

We have consulted with the Diocese of Covington about these recent cases and we thank the families involved for reporting this information and helping to keep our school community safe.

As we move forward, 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, RN., at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org.



ANNUAL TALENT SHOW ◀

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner at the beginning of February, and in preparation for the annual Talent Show scheduled for Friday, February 5, the link below contains registration information and appropriate deadlines. Acts will be pre-recorded with the potential to perform some of the acts live on the day of -- this is yet to be determined. As the form explains, for the safety and health of our school community, COVID-19 mitigation strategies must be in place while performing/recording Talent Show acts whether on campus or off.

[Information and Registration](#) **Registration is due Wednesday, January 20.** If students have any questions, they are asked to contact Mrs. Grayson or Mrs. Kimberly Wagner.

Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Campus Ministry: We 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. We will celebrate the Eucharistic in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel this Friday at 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

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



ATTENTION SOPHOMORE PARENTS ◀

Class ring ordering information will be available on Friday and shared via email.



GOOD NEWS! ◀

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member to our Panda family - Joseph Lawrence Schultz arrived yesterday, January 12! His mom, NDA English teacher, Amanda Shultz, her husband and big brother Samuel are all doing well!

CONGRATULATIONS

NDA SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS



SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS ◀

Congratulations to the Scholastic Art & Writing Award Winners listed below, and to their teachers, Michael Byrd, Gurrie Frisbie, David Jackson, Amanda Schultz, Barb Benkert and Matt Eckerle. You can find the Scholastic Art images on the following page.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AAC will host a virtual exhibition for student artwork. All work will be available to view online via Flickr starting January 15, 2021. A live virtual ceremony will take place on February 19, 2021, via Youtube to celebrate all of the award recipients!

WRITING

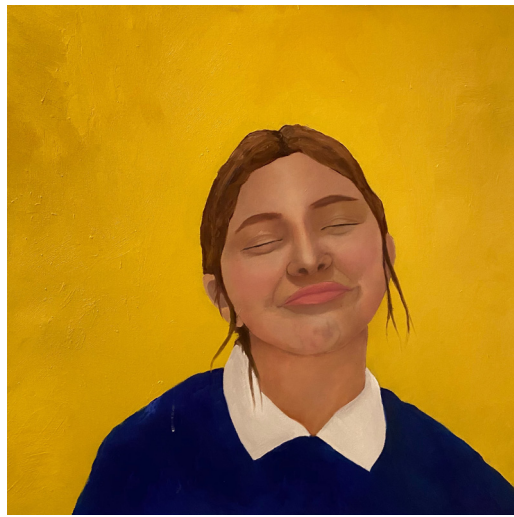
Clara Heberling	9	Gold Key	Science Fiction & Fantasy
Lydia Dusing	9	Silver Key	Personal Essay & Memoir
Klaire Eckhardt	9	Silver Key	Personal Essay & Memoir
Gabrielle White	9	Silver Key	Personal Essay & Memoir
Holly Steimer	10	Silver Key	Personal Essay & Memoir
Danielle Shoemake	12	Silver Key	Personal Essay & Memoir
Samantha Arnold	9	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Sam Spellman	9	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Lea Youtsey	9	Honorable Mention	Critical Essay
Zoe Collins	10	Honorable Mention	Journalism
Noelle Hubert	10	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Addison Kahlig	10	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Kate McBride	10	Honorable Mention	Poetry
Brynne Seither	10	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Elle steinbrunner	10	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Madison Merk	11	Honorable Mention	Poetry
Krista Noll	11	Honorable Mention	Personal Essay & Memoir
Danielle Shoemake	12	Honorable Mention	Critical Essay

ART

Gabrielle Joyce	11	Gold Key	Drawing & Illustration
Pascal Le Roy	12	Gold Key	Photography
Emily Walden	10	Honorable Mention	Photography
Elizabeth Lange	11	Honorable Mention	Digital Art
Stella Skinner	12	Honorable Mention	Painting Nicole
Gwyneth Thomas	12	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration
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Emily Walden



Stella Skinner



Elizabeth Lange



Gwyneth Thomas



Pascalle Le Roy



Gwyneth Thomas



Gabrielle Joyce

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Notre Dame Academy
Freshman
Priority Application
Period

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ANNUAL ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER

This is a reminder that money for the coupon book fundraiser was **due on-Friday January 8!**

Please make sure that you fill out your [tally sheet](#) (it MUST be an Excel or Google Form, no Notability) and then [upload](#) it prior to turning your money in.

Please bring your money in an envelope with your name on it and labeled coupon book money.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT JOB POSTING ◀

JV Lacrosse Head Coach

Notre Dame Academy is looking for a JV Lacrosse Head Coach for the 2021 Spring season. This position will oversee the JV team and report to our Varsity head coach. Experience at the high school level is desired. All coaches must go through KHSAA and Diocese onboarding and training once hired. Please send a letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Bambootique Deal of the Week: Varsity Sherpa - regular \$55.00, on sale for \$25.00! Don't miss the deals at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS ◀

Priority Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

If you have a daughter who is interested in applying as an incoming freshman for the 2021-22 school year, you may do so online with our Application for Admission on the website [HERE](#). The non-refundable registration fee must be paid online with a credit card in order to complete the Application for Admission.

Students who apply during this period are included in a drawing for a free iPad or a \$500 tuition voucher. Incoming freshmen who are eligible for academic scholarships must apply for admission by the priority deadline in order to confirm receipt of their scholarship.

Prospective Pandas can learn more about The Notre Dame Life via our virtual Open House. Go to <https://www.ndapandas.org/> to access the link to our 2020 Open House Experience. **If you have questions regarding any of the admissions information above**, please contact NDA Director of Admissions Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or at caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



COLLEGE AND BEYOND! ◀

College and Beyond is offering free Virtual College Planning Workshops in January and February. See the list of opportunities [here](#).



NKU DUAL-CREDIT PARENT INFORMATION SESSION ◀

School-Based Scholars is NKU's dual-enrollment program that offers eligible high school students the opportunity to take college classes for dual credit at a reduced tuition rate. Learn more [here](#).

COLLEGE PLANNING MEETINGS

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NDA Counselors will be having their annual College Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 9 for the current juniors class and Thursday, February 11 for the freshmen and sophomores. We will be holding this event virtually this year. We will be addressing the scheduling process, standardized testing and steps your student should be taking for college at this meeting. If you would like to attend one of the meetings please sign up below on the appropriate link. We will send out a reminder and provide a Google meet link to those who have signed up. We will also email out the slides to parents after the meeting if you are not able to attend virtually.

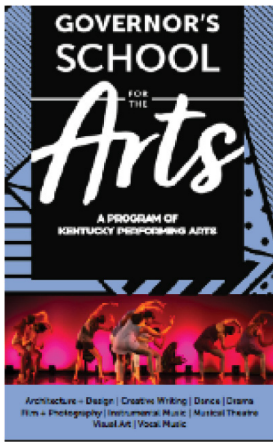
Sign Up for Junior College Planning Meeting February 9 at 6:30 p.m.: [Click here to register](#)

Sign up for Freshmen and Sophomore College Planning Meeting on February 11 at 6:30 p.m.: [Click here to register](#)

GRIEF SUPPORT ◀

Grief Support Groups will be offered for NDA students who have experienced the death of a loved one. Fernside, a nationally acclaimed grief center for children will be conducting these virtual support group sessions in conjunction with NDA. We will begin January 20 and go for 6 weeks. There are forms that need to be completed and returned TODAY. Contact Mrs. Hildreth to receive the forms hildrethk@ndapandas.org you think your daughter would benefit from this support.





GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

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

Architecture

Visual Art

Film & Photography

Creative Writing

Instrumental Music

Vocal Music

Musical Theater

Drama

Dance

FEBRUARY 19: GSA 2021 Finalists Announced

All applicants will be notified of whether they have advanced to the final round of adjudication.

MARCH 19 & 20: Final Round of Auditions and Reviews



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) APPLICATIONS OPEN AND DUE MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 ◀

Click to [learn more and apply to GSE](#), which will take place on the campus of Northern KY University June 6-26, 2021. Current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students can apply.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

[NDA PARENT TOOLBOX](#)

[Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead](#)

Brene Brown explains how vulnerability is both the core of difficult emotions like fear, grief, and disappointment, and the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, innovation, and creativity.

[1N5](#) is a local mental health nonprofit working to engage our local community. They provide a variety of a multitude of FREE opportunities to promote mental wellness and have meaningful impact. Upcoming 1N5 events:

- Imperfection Event this Sunday:
Fill out [THIS LINK](#) to receive the Zoom link
- [Managing Grief and Loss](#)
- [Articles](#) to help all of us understand, adapt, address and cope with our mental health concerns during this time





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Alumnae Storyboard

ALUMNAE STORYBOARD ◀

The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that you can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world. The Storyboard serves as a source of inspiration and motivation just for you! You can access the Alumnae Storyboard [HERE](#).



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Education Opportunity Account Bills Filed
- Part-time job opportunity
- Live the Love Mother Daughter Program
- 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

January 15	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
January 18	No School - MLK
January 21	Senior retreats begin
January 29	Life March Diocesan Mass - live streamed
February 1	Catholic schools week begins
	CSW Mass and Nunday Monday
February 5	Talent show