



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Happy Inauguration Day! No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, we can all agree on the significance of this occasion. Today we take a moment to pray for our country's new administration and for the people of our country, to engage in a spirit of cooperation, peacefulness, and respect for one another and for all human life as good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

On Monday, we had the day off school in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope you and your family took the time to celebrate Dr. King's life and his example. We talk a great deal about 21st century educating at NDA. There are many facets of 21st century learning, one being the education of students to work effectively in a diverse and multicultural society. In order to be effective leaders and to promote justice for everyone in our society, students need to understand and appreciate the world's wide range of people and cultures.

Please keep our seniors in your prayers as they will be on retreat for the next week. This is an important time of spiritual growth and reflection for them. You can read more about their upcoming retreat experiences below.

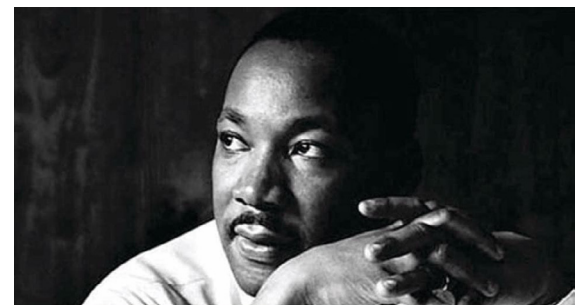
We are ready to begin our scheduling process for the 2021-22 academic year. This includes virtual College Planning Meetings with parents as listed in the information below. We will meet with each class during long homerooms to review the process and course options. I suggest you take some time over the next week or so to discuss your daughter's thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

We are continuing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at NDA in order to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students. This past weekend our building was treated with an antimicrobial treatment to reduce the risk of germ transmission on surfaces. Thank you for all you are doing to help keep our community safe and for communicating your COVID-19 related issues to our school office. We truly appreciate the efforts of our NDA families.

At Notre Dame Academy, we strive to be a community enriched by our differences. By expanding our students' knowledge and understanding of the diversity in our world, we encourage an awareness of the global community. Thanks for your continued support of our mission. Please know I am grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## 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



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE ◀

**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](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org) or Mrs. McLeod in the front office 859.292.1821 or [mcleods@ndapandas.org](mailto:mcleods@ndapandas.org).

It is important that your daughter continues to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. **PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR DAUGHTER FROM GATHERING IN PERSON WITH FRIENDS DURING THIS TIME.**

## 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 20, we have had 8 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week.** As per our requirements, those involved are following the quarantine guidelines in our [COVID-19 Response Chart](#). We have also been informed by several members of our NDA community who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Those members of our community are also in quarantine.

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](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

## Important Reminders:

**Medical Symptoms:** People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- **Fever or chills**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **Headache**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Sore throat**
- **Congestion or runny nose**
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

While these are the most common symptoms of COVID-19, this list does not include all possible symptoms. If your daughter is experiencing ANY of the symptoms above or any other medical symptoms, **PLEASE ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION** and contact our school nurse. By misinterpreting signs and symptoms, we can put others in jeopardy. **PLEASE** do not try to diagnose or interpret symptoms you may be experiencing. We are lucky to have a medical professional at NDA to assist us in these matters.

## 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.

## 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.**

# STUDENT LIFE

## WE NEED YOUR HELP! ◀

We would like to share more of our events on YouTube and we need your help to do so! In order to live stream with a mobile device on YouTube, our channel needs to have at least 1000 subscribers. Currently we have 133. **PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to NDA's YouTube channel today.** Once we have 1000 subscribers, we will be able to share Masses, athletics events and more with our NDA community!

## 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!



### SENIOR RETREATS ◀

Please keep our senior class, their teachers and our Campus Minister, Mrs. Bridget Price, in your prayers this week. Our senior retreats will begin tomorrow and go through next Thursday. During these 6 days the seniors will take part in a 2-day Diocesan Retreat (at St. Anne's), a 2-day Mission retreat (on NDA's campus) and a 2-day Discipleship retreat (on NDA's campus). Special thanks to Mrs. Price and her retreat team who have put a tremendous amount of time into planning these safe and meaningful events for our seniors.



### 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, January 22.**

## PLEASE NOTE

### REPORT CARDS ◀

Second quarter report cards have been sent in both a digital and paper format. The report cards were first sent last Friday. Some parents reported an issue opening those report cards. That issue appears to have been related to a temporary server problem with our message delivery company. If you try to open the digital copy again, it should work. If you are still unable to open it and would like a digital copy, please contact Mr. Schlosser at [schlosserr@ndapandas.org](mailto:schlosserr@ndapandas.org). Paper copies are being sent home with the students. If your daughter is currently on remote learning, a paper copy of her report card will be sent in the mail and should be arriving next week at the latest.



# 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**

If you have not already done so, please make sure that you have filled 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](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org) Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

## 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](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org).

## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Bambootique Deal of the Week: Navy and Grey Pom Shirt - regular \$32.00, on sale for \$15.00! Don't miss the deals at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).



# 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](#)



## 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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## 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 21	Senior retreats begin
January 22	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
January 29	Life March Diocesan Mass - live streamed
February 1	Catholic schools week begins
	CSW Mass and Nunday Monday
February 3	Diocesan Mass for CSW - live streamed
February 5	Talent show
February 15	No School - Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 2	Super Day - ACT/CERT Testing