



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I would like to thank our students for their excitement and enthusiasm in celebrating their Catholic education this week. Our Student Council has done a wonderful job planning many activities to honor our Catholic heritage and school spirit - all while keeping our community safe and healthy.

We began the week with our annual “Nunday Monday” celebration honoring our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame. Students wore their grade school uniforms and true to their spirit of giving, the Sisters shared ice cream with us at lunch. Yesterday our students enjoyed a comfortable day in their pajamas and were able to watch a movie during their lunch period. Today is Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day. It is a special day to recognize and thank our dedicated faculty and staff for all they do to provide an exemplary Catholic education at NDA. This morning our community also joined other Diocesan Catholic Schools in the celebration of the Mass with Bishop Foys.

As you can see below, we are reporting a slightly lower number of positive COVID-19 cases than in past weeks. Thank you for all you are doing to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 outside of school - we all truly appreciate your efforts. We are hoping to see that number decline each week as we continue to follow protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in and out of school. I understand how difficult it is for our students to refrain from gathering with friends. At this time however, I think it is critically important that we remain vigilant to the COVID-19 mitigation strategies that we know work: wearing masks, social distancing and hand washing. Following these protocols are the best way to ensure that we can continue to follow Plan 1 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* with all students on campus with safety precautions in place.

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. If you have not yet signed up for a College Planning Meeting, please do so this week. Also, I suggest you take some time this week to discuss your daughter’s thoughts on what options she is interested in pursuing next school year.

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, Notre Dame Academy is a very busy place with many opportunities for our students to shine. As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education.

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



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 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 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, February 3, we have had 5 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.

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Important Reminders:

KHSAA COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY FORM ◀

All students who test positive for COVID-19 must be cleared for progression back to activity by an approved health care provider (MD/DO) and **MUST** complete the [KHSAA COVID-19 Return to Play Form](#) before returning to participation in a physical education class or sports at NDA. Please return forms to our school nurse, Mrs. Tina Sizemore, RN.

COVID-19 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:

- **Headache**
- **Fever or chills**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **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.

PLEASE NOTE

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. PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY VACATION DURING THE SUMMER.** If you are planning to travel **ANYTIME** (including spring break), please see the [updated guidelines from the Diocese](#) and 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 to a [state with a positivity rate of 15% or higher](#)
- **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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ◀

Our Student Council members have gone above and beyond planning special days this week! Take a look...



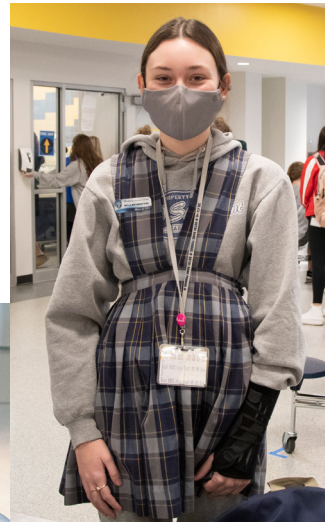
HOLLYWOOD DAY!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ROCK!



NUNDAY MONDAY!



SISTERHOOD SLEEPOVER!



PENNY WAR!



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!



YEARBOOKS: FLASH SALE IN FEBRUARY! ◀

NDA's 2021 yearbook (theme: Together) is on sale for a special pre-order price of \$55. That's \$5 less than last year's pre-sale price. To purchase, click [this link](#) beginning Thursday through Feb. 26. Also, 2020 books should arrive later this month. A big thank you to everyone for your patience!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

In honor of Catholic Schools Week NDA's Bambootique is offering 20% off your entire order! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

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](#).



CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to our students who earned first and second honors in the first semester of the school year. You can find the complete lists [HERE](#).

This year NDA changed the way in which first and second honors are earned by students. You can read a further explanation from NDA's Registrar/Data Systems Manager - Mr. Raymond Schlosser [HERE](#).



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, February 5.**

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**
PLEASE READ



COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER MONEY ◀

If you chose to sell coupon books and have not turned in your coupon book fundraiser money to athletics yet please do so by February 12. Any outstanding balances at that time will be billed via FACTS.

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!

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INTERESTED IN NDA CHEER? ◀

If you are interested in tumbling classes and sideline cheer reach out to Coach Emily Krallman ASAP at larouchee@ndapandas.org. Cheer has started but we still have some spots available!

JOIN THE BASS FISHING TEAM! ◀

If you want to join our Bass Fishing team this year please reach out to Coach Pete Salkowski at salkowski@ndapandas.org. There is no practice for bass fishing and tournaments are usually a few hours away.



VOTE TODAY! ◀

Hey Pandas - Vote now for Macie Feldman for Top NKY/IND girls basketball player of week! You can vote [HERE](#).

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.

FRESHMAN PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS FRIDAY ◀

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

8TH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT ◀

Join us for Notre Dame Academy's 8th Grade Information Night!

8th grade girls and their parents are invited to take a closer look at NDA on Wednesday, February 10 between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Faculty, Admissions staff, and administrators will be available for one-on-one conversations about the admissions process, academics, student life, and much more.

Our Collaborative Learning Center will also be open for tours.

This event will not have a formal presentation, so feel free to drop in for a few minutes or stay for an hour.

Advance registration is required for this event due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please email NDA Admissions Director, Katie Caccavari, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org to register.

The registration deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

Notre Dame Academy

**Freshman
Priority Application
Period**



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

**8th Grade
Information Night**

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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](#)



College Rep Visits

COLLEGE REP VISITS ◀

These are 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*

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona Beach

February 8 - 7:00 p.m.

Link: <https://erau.zoom>

Western Kentucky University

Tues, Feb 16 @ 7:00pm

Link: <https://wku.zoom.us>

Georgetown College

March 4 - 7:00 p.m.

Link: <https://zoom.us>

Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ burgei@ndapandas.org

PLEASE NOTE

ADHD SPEAKER FOR PARENTS AT SPRINGER SCHOOL ◀

Every year, Springer School and Children's Hospital host a speaker on a topic related to ADHD LD. This year our speaker is Dr. David Anderson of The Child Mind Institute. The session for parents is on the evening of February 11 and the all day professional development program is on February 12. The programs are virtual and online and the cost is \$20. Here is the link for registration and more information: <https://www.springer-ld.org/work-shops/distinguished-speaker-series/>

COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY ◀

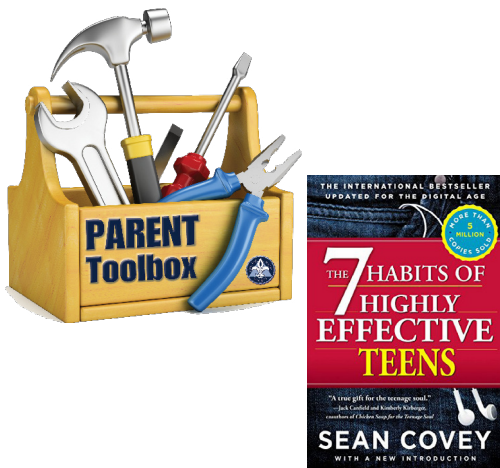
Juniors, are you looking for something special to do this summer? Consider Commonwealth Honors Academy! Contact Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Monohan with questions.

- live on the campus of Murray State University in a living-learning community for three weeks with other talented high school students
- receive six hours of university credit
- need a 3.5 GPA a 25 ACT or equivalent
- have the opportunity to take six additional hours of *tuition-free university courses at Murray State University during their senior year**.
- be awarded a four-year, \$2,000-per-year housing scholarship to attend Murray State University



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX



7 Habits of highly Effective Teens

Sean Covey applies the timeless principles to teens and the tough issues and life-changing decisions they face. In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and more.

Black History Month at NDA

Notre Dame Academy's 2021 theme for **Black History Month** is ***"Honoring the Past; Inspiring the Future."*** Desiring to focus on the accomplishments of Black American women, our Pandaversity Club has organized each week of [February](#) by topic.

The first week of February celebrates the intersection of Black History and Catholic Schools Week:

Monday - Nunday Monday:

[African American Sisters of Notre Dame](#)

Tuesday - Sisterhood:

[Jane Matilda Bolin](#)

Wednesday - Hollywood Day:

[Black Women Celebrities of Hollywood](#)

Thursday - Boy Day:

[Black Men Saints and Popes](#)

Friday - Decades Day:

[80's - Oprah Winfrey](#)

[90's - Dr. Mae Jemison](#)

[2000's- Sheila Johnson](#)

[Future - Amanda Gorman](#)

A graphic for Black History Month featuring the text "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" in large, bold, black letters. The text is set against a background of horizontal brushstrokes in red, yellow, and green.



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COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- School Choice Week Video
- 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

February 3	Hollywood Day: Dress as your favorite movie or TV character
	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day Breakfast
	Diocesan Mass for CSW - live streamed
February 4	Dress Like a Boy Day
February 5	Dress from your favorite decade day!
	Mass in the chapel 7:20 a.m.
	Talent show
February 15	No School - Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 2	Super Day - ACT/CERT Testing