



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope your daughter enjoyed having a snow day on Tuesday. As you know, snow days are a very uncommon occurrence at NDA however, with the largest snow total in 13 years, it was definitely necessary. Considering what we've been through these last several months, I'm sure you understand by now my philosophy is that we will make every effort to have students in school. As I sit here this afternoon watching additional snow falling and hearing forecasts of freezing rain, I am praying that this bad weather ends in time for road crews to do their job, allowing our students to safely get to school tomorrow. **To be safe, we will have a delayed start tomorrow morning with school beginning at 9 a.m. and we will continue to monitor the weather.**

Speaking of off days, **PLEASE NOTE:** we are off school on Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents Day and we will also be off school on Monday, February 22. Our faculty and staff will be receiving their second COVID-19 vaccination on Sunday, February 21 and we would like to give them the following day off to recover from any possible side effects.

Although we are continuing to see a slight decline in our COVID-19 positive cases, we still need parents and students to be vigilant in reporting COVID-19 issues with us. As I have said in the past, 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 continue to work together to keep our students safe and engaged in meaningful learning and I believe that communication is key to our success.

To that end, please keep your daughter home and contact the school nurse if:

- **Your daughter is not feeling well**
- **Your daughter or a family member is awaiting COVID-19 test results**
- **Your daughter or a family member tests positive for COVID-19**
- **Your daughter has been in CLOSE CONTACT with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19**

Our students and faculty have done an incredible job keeping each other safe this school year. It is clear that they want to be here on campus and I believe that is what is best for them. Please encourage your daughter to continue to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies in order that we can continue have in person instruction. We have a couple of 3-day weekends coming up in the next two weeks. I ask that you discourage student gatherings on these long weekends. As a parent, I know that's a tough ask but as your daughter's principal, I really want to see all of our students here at NDA in the coming weeks remaining safe and healthy.

Stay warm and have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION

[Learn More >>](#)

NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

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 10, we have had 6 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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**Pandas,
here is the most important thing
you will read in this issue
of the Panda Press Weekly...**

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Due to weather and road conditions, NDA will have a delayed start tomorrow - Thursday, February 10, with school beginning at 9 a.m. We will continue to monitor the weather.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION ◀

We look forward to welcoming the newest members of NDA's National Honor Society next Friday, February 19. The event will take place during homeroom starting at 2:30, and parents will be invited to join virtually.



NDA VS. CCH PENNY WAR ◀

During Catholic Schools Week, the Pandas challenged the Colonels to a penny war with proceeds supporting the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky. Total money raised between the two schools was \$5216.46, and the Pandas came out ahead in the penny war.

Look for the Colonels on Dixie Highway next week when they will be cheering on and commending the Pandas for our good work!



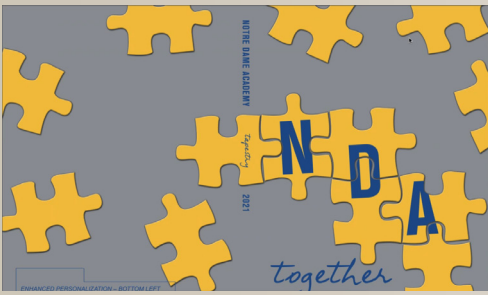
THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME – A LEGACY OF INNOVATION AND IMPACT ◀

Don't miss Dr. Laura Koehl's **MORE Talk** tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Koehl will explore the story of our NDA sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame, at Thomas More and NDA and their impact on our area as visionaries, trailblazers and educators. You can register for this virtual event [HERE](#).



CONGRATULATIONS ARCHERY PANDAS ◀

The Archery Pandas competed in the Diocesan Tournament on Saturday, February 6. The team score was 3056. We had 80 tens, 126 nines and 94 eights. The Archery Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi who shot 269 followed by Ella Weitzel at 268, Nicole Andrew at 267 and Hana Kennedy at 263. Twenty Pandas shot over 200. We will next compete in the Saint Henry Tournament on February 20.



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!



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Don't miss the deal of the week at NDA's spirit wear shop: Cozy Crew Sweatshirt. Regular price: \$ 45:00 | Sale Price: \$20.00! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

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!

Sophomore Service Reminder - Just a reminder that all sophomores need to complete a service project and submit the Service Completion Form by March 5. [Here](#) are the guidelines for the project that was handed out and explained in September to all Sophomores. The Service form is linked at the bottom of the description.

Senior Service Reminder - A reminder that all Seniors must complete a service project. The Service project should be completed by March 5. Service interviews will be set up during the 4th quarter and must be completed by May 1. [Here](#) is a description of the project that was given and explained to the seniors in September.

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!





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 12.**

WHAT'S COOKIN' MRS. BRUNGS? ◀

Our Cafeteria Manager, Mrs. Karen Brungs, and the Longshore Dining Hall crew have been working hard to bring a few new items to our students at lunch this school year. Check out these delicious new items coming to the Longshore Dining Hall soon!

Belgian Pearl Waffle
Coming on Ash Wednesday!

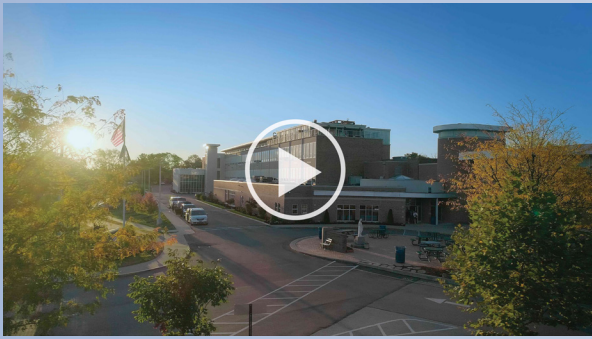


Belgian Waffle
Coming in March!



French Bread Pizza
To be served on February 12!





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PANDA ◀

There has never been a better time to be a student at Notre Dame Academy! We are very blessed to have faculty, staff and administrators who are committed to providing a safe and healthy in-person educational experience for our students during this challenging time!

Since we were unable to host an Open House or Shadow Days this school year due to COVID-19, we produced a “day in the life” of a Panda video to showcase all that an NDA education has to offer. In case you have not yet had an opportunity to see it, you can find it [HERE](#).

Notre Dame Academy Freshman Priority Application Period

FRESHMAN PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ◀

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.

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](#).



2021 AUTUMN GALA ◀

Dave the date! This year’s Autumn Gala is scheduled for October 16, 2021. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Planning Committee for the 2021 Autumn Gala, please contact Nancy Goeke at goeken@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851.

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!

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.

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.

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.



COLLEGE PLANNING MEETINGS

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NDA Counselors will be having their annual College Planning Meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 11 for the current juniors class and at 6:30 p.m. on 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 11 at 5:15 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 ◀

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*

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 @ burgeik@ndapandas.org



College Rep Visits

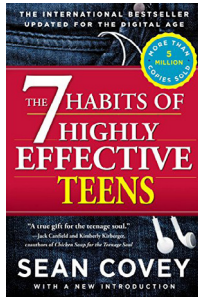
PLEASE NOTE

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/>

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 ◀

The theme of [Black History Month at NDA](#) , Honoring the Past; Inspiring the Future, continues to focus on accomplishments of Black American women. Our Pandaveristy Club decorated our lobby's Display Case and shared an informational PowerPoint to roll in the CLC. This week's topic is Education:



Monday, February 8 - Sojourner Truth; Amanda Gorman: "The Hill We Climb"

Tuesday, February 9 - Harriet Tubman

Wednesday, February 10 - Mary McLeod Bethune

Thursday, February 11 - Ruby Bridges

Friday, February 12 - Kamala Harris

DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Parents - Drug Free Club is still waiting to receive many of the results from the Home Test Kits that were sent to your homes. Results need to be submitted for your child to earn their Active Membership. As soon as you fill out the simple [test result form](#) and DFCA has confirmation that a drug-free test was achieved, the club status will be updated and the student will receive their personalized Club ID Card for Confirmed, Active Members and be eligible for rewards at school, too! IMPORTANT NOTE: The instructions that were in your home test kit asked you to upload a photo of the test cup's result panel. If you DO NOT have a picture of the cup's results - DON'T WORRY and DON'T let this stop you! Just check the "certification box" on the [test result form](#) instead. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.





SEVEN HILLS
**Women's Health
 Centers**

[Seven Hills Women's Health Centers](#), a physician owned medical practice, is the leader in women's health care in the tri-state area. Our providers offer compassionate and comprehensive women's health care for women of all ages. With 12 physicians, 2 midwives and 2 nurse practitioners serving the Northern Kentucky community across three convenient office locations, our care is easily accessible. Visit us at womenshealthcenters.com to find a provider near you. We're proud to support the Notre Dame Academy. Several of our physicians and their daughters are part of the NDA family!

Dr. Emily Woeste, 1994
 Emma Jacobs, 2014
 Dr. Meredith Donnelly, 1995
 Emily Jackson, 2016
 Jeanne Setters, APRN, 1982

Caroline Jackson, 2018
 Liz Kirkwood Adair, 1998
 Paige Donnelly, 2022
 Rachel Kirkwood, 2002
 Addy Woeste, 2022

Kelsey Darpel, 2011
 Ava Jacobs, 2023
 Kendall Darpel, 2014
 Kimberly Woeste, 2024



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
- 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 11	Junior College Planning Meeting 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. (rescheduled) Freshmen and Sophomore College Planning Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
February 12	Wear red or pink shirts/socks/accessories Mass in the chapel 7:20 a.m.
February 15	No School - Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 19	NHS Induction
February 22	No School
March 2	Super Day - JR ACT/SO & FR Cert Testing
March 5	3rd Quarter Ends
March 6	8th Grade Conferences