



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Today we begin our Lenten journey, a traditional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This afternoon we celebrated with our annual Ash Wednesday Liturgy; praying as a school community that our hearts and minds can be open in a special way to God's presence in our lives during this holy season. We have much planned in the days to come to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. It is important for us to remember that Lent is a special time offering each of us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God who loves us. It is our chance to take time out of our schedules to reflect on our lives and reach out to those in need, especially in these challenging times. May this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith!



As you read in the letter from Dr. Koehl and me last Friday, we have added a "Plan 4" to our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* to accommodate a short-term need for remote learning such as a severe weather day. While our goal is to have students following Plan 1 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* with traditional in-person instruction as much as possible, remote learning provides continuity in student learning while keeping students safe. You can read more about Plan 4 below and on page 14 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* [HERE](#).

With so many schools experiencing Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) since August, we feel blessed that our students have experienced in-person instruction for nearly 80% of this school year and we anticipate that we will reach 90% in-person instruction by the end of May. This is a testament to the dedication of our students, faculty and staff who have been forthcoming with COVID-19 issues helping to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our school. We appreciate their diligence and ongoing efforts and we are happy to report that the COVID-19 positivity rate of our students continues to decline.

Please encourage your daughter to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies - especially in regard to gatherings with friends. We want to see all of our students here at NDA in the coming weeks remaining safe and healthy.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will 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.

Please know that you are in our prayers throughout this season of Lent.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Even now, says the LORD,
return to me with your whole heart,
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;
Rend your hearts, not your garments,
and return to the LORD, your God.*

Joel 2: 12-14



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 17, 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 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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Stay home and contact the school nurse if:

As we move forward, please continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family. As we have said before, communication is key to our success. We ask that you keep your daughter home from school and contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org in any of the following situations:

- 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.

Travel Advisory Information:

Also, if you are planning to travel anytime between now and the end of the school year, please review the Travel Advisory Information section of our COVID-19 Information web page [HERE](#). Here are some important points to keep in mind:

- 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 mandatory 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 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.

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.

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.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION ◀

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

Alexander, Ava	Davey, Lauren	Herbst, Sidney	McKeown, Katie	Sweeten, Lillian
Aytes, Kylie	Dierig, Sydney	Heuker, Anne	Merse, Maggie	Timmerding, Ella
Bain, Natalie	Disken, Drue	Heupel, Lauren	Muck, Caroline	Topmiller, Sarah
Banks, Claire	Donelan, Brooke	Hooper, Clare	Naberhaus, Lydia	Wahoff, Gretchen
Barlage, Jenna	Donnelly, Aileen	Hue, Martine	Neltner, Jackie	Wainscott, Kate
Bessler, Natalie	Donnelly, Paige	Hulett, Claire	Paolucci, Megan	Walden, Emily
Bowman, Abby	Dunlevy, Caroline	Jordan, Riley	Parsons, Evie	Warner, Kate
Bowman, Lindsy	Eggleston, Emily	Joyce, Ellie	Payne, Madison	Weber, Clara
Branum, Amber	Farwick, Elizabeth	Kennedy, Hana	Scheffter, Elena	Weitzel, Ella
Brauch, Emma	Feldman, Macie	Kleman, Caroline	Schmidt, Claire	Welch, Cam
Breeze, Abby	Fernando, Dinithi	Kleman, Josie	Schrinner, Claire	Wenstrup, Kiernan
Browning, Gabby	Fortner, Leah	Kohus, Alivia	Schroeder, Sydney	Woeste, Addy
Brungs, Celia	Ghazala, Cathrine	Kothandram, Ana	Scola, Catie	Woodrum, Sarah
Chun, Molly	Hammersmith, Kora	Macknight, Jillian	Simkonis, Eleanor	Zeck, Reagan
Clark, Rheanna	Harrity, Anna	Marin, Maria	Spillman, Kirsten	
Cogswell, Madelyn	Heberling, Grace	Martin, Jillian	Spivey, Emma	
Cottingham, Isabella	Heitker, Reagan	Mazarro, Sam	Sprecher, Charlotte	
Crail, Katie	Hemsath, Maria	McBride, Kate	Stansel, Ava	

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In the case of a schedule change due to inclement weather, you will be notified through Swift K12 with one of the following messages:

DELAYED START:

In person instruction following a "D" schedule (notified the morning of)

REMOTE LEARNING WITH A DELAYED START

Remote learning following a "D" schedule (notified the evening before)

SCHOOL IS CLOSED

(notified the morning of)

NEW REMOTE LEARNING PLAN 4 ADDED TO PANDAS RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN ◀

With all of the severe winter weather we have experienced this winter, NDA administrators made the decision to add a "Plan 4" to its *Pandas Return to Campus Plan*. Plan 4 was added to accommodate a short-term need for remote learning such as an inclement weather day. While the goal at NDA is to have students following Plan 1 of the *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* with traditional in-person instruction as much as possible, remote learning provides continuity in student learning while keeping students safe.

With Plan 4, students are on a delayed schedule beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:01 p.m. with a schedule consisting of 7 class periods running 40 minutes each. They will have a 25 minute lunch break and 7 minute transitions to allow them to stretch their legs or use the restroom between classes. You can find further details and the schedule for Plan 4 on page 14 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* [HERE](#).



February Student of the Month

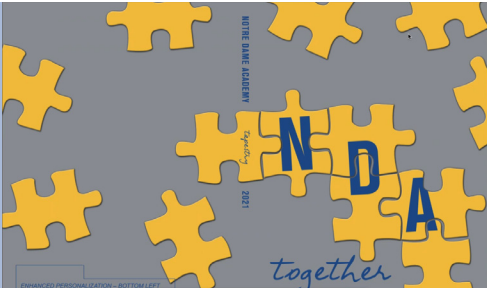
FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our February Student of the Month - Emily Eggleston! You can read more about Emily [HERE](#).



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

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



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!



WE ARE SO CLOSE - PLEASE HELP! ◀

Thank you very much to those of you who have already subscribed to our YouTube channel to help us reach 1000 subscribers! In order to live stream with a mobile device on YouTube, our channel needs to have at least 1000 subscribers. Currently we have 746. We are so close! Once we have 1000 subscribers, we will be able to share Masses, athletics events and more with our NDA community. If you haven't already subscribed, please do so at the link below. If you have already subscribed, please share the link with a friend or family member.

PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to NDA's YouTube channel today.



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 days you would like to purchase lunch next week.** 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 for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19.

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.

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!

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 ◀

Save 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.

NDA SOCCER ATHLETE AMONG NATION'S ELITE ◀

NDA's Lauren Carothers is among 45 of the nation's elite girl's high school soccer players who has been asked to take part in the Tenth Annual High School All-American Game on May 29, 2021, in St. Louis, MO. The players selected are seniors who have finished their high school careers and represent their high school teams during the fall season. Lauren and the other 44 players are being recognized because they have achieved many regional and national awards and will attend some of the top universities across the country.

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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@ndapan-das.org Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.



RESCHEDULED

COLLEGE PLANNING MEETINGS

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Due to the snow day last week, NDA Counselors have rescheduled the annual College Planning Meeting for **current juniors at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 18** and for **current freshmen and sophomores at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18**. 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 18 at 5:15 p.m.: [Click here to register](#)

Sign up for Freshmen and Sophomore College Planning Meeting on February 18 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*

Georgetown College

March 4 - 7:00 p.m.

Link: <https://zoom.us>

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

SCIENCE
FAITH

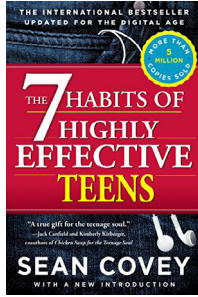
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME: "INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE & FAITH" PROGRAM ◀

Are you a student looking for an opportunity to learn from great Catholic scientists about the harmony of faith and science? Are you interested in the Big Questions on the frontiers of scientific discovery?

The inaugural **St. Albert Initiative for High School Teachers and Students** will address these questions and more in a series of presentations and discussions led by Catholic scientists. This event is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021 at the Washington Hilton in Washington D.C. More info and to apply: [St. Albert Initiative: Intersection of Science and Faith](#)

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 Athletes and Artists:

Tuesday, February 16 - Serena Williams

Wednesday, February 17 - Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison

Thursday, February 18 - Faith Ringgold, Augusta Savage & Amy Sherald

Friday, February 19 - Black Women Singers



DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Many of NDA's DFCA members are considered "Unconfirmed Members" because they have not yet fully completed the submission of their test results from the Home Testing Kits. If your student has not yet received their Member ID card in the mail, they are probably an "Unconfirmed Member."

There is a simple fix for this! The parent/guardian must complete the simple [test result form](#) to confirm with the Drug Free Club that the student achieved a drug-free test using the Home Test Kit that was mailed to your home. To accomplish this, the Parent/Guardian needs the student's Drug Free Club ID Number, which can be found in 3 places: previous emails to parents from Drug Free Club, on the top left of the student's DFCA Member ID card from last year, or from Mrs. Hildreth.

As soon as this step is completed, club status will be updated, and the student will receive in the mail their personalized Club ID Card and the Key Tag for Confirmed, Active Members! A temporary ID card can immediately be printed upon completion of the form, and the student is then eligible for all of our rewards! Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.





[The Sisters of Notre Dame \(SND\)](#) are consecrated women missioned in the Church to proclaim God's goodness and provident care. This mission knows no boundaries as SNDs minister around the world in education, healthcare, pastoral care, and social justice outreach. Notre Dame Academy is one of the Covington SNDs' sponsored ministries, along with St. Charles Community, St. Claire HealthCare, Notre Dame Urban Education Center, and Julie Learning Center. NDA students and families are invited to serve alongside the Sisters at their annual Pay It Forward Service Day on April 6. Keep in touch with the Sisters on [facebook.com/sndky](https://www.facebook.com/sndky) or twitter.com/SNDCovington.



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 17	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 19	NHS Induction
February 22	No School
February 24	Alumnae Mentoring Program 8th Grade information night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
March 2	Super Day - JR ACT SO & FR Cert Testing
March 5	3rd Quarter Ends
March 6	8th Grade Conferences
March 14	Daylight Savings begins - Spring Forward!
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	8th Grade Conferences
March 23	Panda Preview Night