



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope you had time to read the letter you received earlier today from NDA President Dr. Laura Koehl. In case you missed it, the letter can be found on the following page. While we are very happy for Dr. Koehl as she embarks upon a new professional opportunity as the Executive Director of the SND National Sponsorship and Network Office, we are certainly going to miss her at NDA. I hope you will join me in congratulating Dr. Koehl on her new role and thanking her for her leadership and commitment to Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy.

I am happy to report that our faculty and staff received their second COVID-19 vaccinations on Sunday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to the students of NDA this past year. At the beginning of this global pandemic, I asked our teachers to be adaptable, flexible and creative. I can tell you first-hand that they have been all of those things and more. The lengths our faculty members have gone to throughout these challenging times in order to provide the exemplary education NDA is known for is unprecedented. I could not be more proud of their dedication and willingness to make sacrifices for their students. We are very blessed to have a faculty of this caliber at Notre Dame Academy.

I would like to thank the Pandaversity Club for leading our Black History Month celebration this February. I am encouraged by the initiative our students have shown in establishing the Pandaversity Club this school year. The message of inclusivity that the club promotes is very much in line with our Catholic teachings as well as with our theme this year - *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love* - which is based on the second Educational Principle of the SNDs: *The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God*.

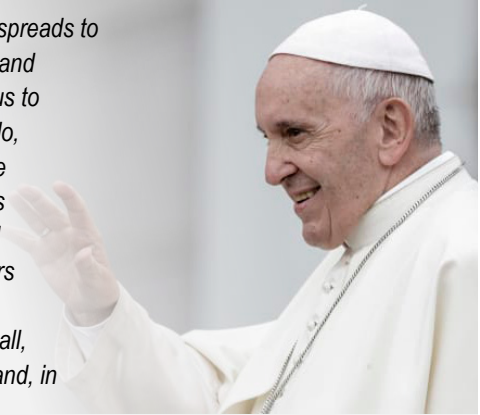
Finally, this week we join our nation in remembering the 500,000 Americans lost to COVID-19. Our flags flying at half mast are a very noticeable reminder of this solemn occasion. While we are encouraged that COVID-19 numbers are declining, we cannot forget those who lost their lives to COVID-19 and their loved ones left behind. Let us open our hearts to remember those who have died from coronavirus and pray that God will strengthen their families and friends through this very difficult time.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. Please know that you are in our prayers throughout this season of Lent.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

In the vine that is Christ, the Spirit is the sap that spreads to all the branches. The Spirit blows where he wills, and everywhere he wants to restore unity. He impels us to love not only those who love us and think as we do, but to love everyone, even as Jesus taught us. He enables us to forgive our enemies and the wrongs we have endured. He inspires us to be active and creative in love. He reminds us that our neighbours are not only those who share our own values and ideas, and that we are called to be neighbours to all, good Samaritans to a humanity that is frail, poor and, in our own time, suffering so greatly.



A humanity lying by the roadsides of our world, which God wants to raise up with compassion. May the Holy Spirit, the source of grace, help us to live in gratuitousness, to love even those who do not love us in return, for it is through pure and disinterested love that the Gospel bears fruit. A tree is known by its fruits: by our gratuitous love it will be known if we are part of the vine of Jesus.

- Pope Francis



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you today to share some exciting yet bittersweet news with you. I have been offered the opportunity to take on a new role within the SND USA organization. Beginning on September 1, I will serve as the Executive Director of the SND National Sponsorship and Network Office and Chief Operating Officer of the National Ministry Corporation. Through this new role I will lead the office which provides direction and support to SND sponsored and affiliated ministries in advancing the Educational Vision & Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame. I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this new role, but at the same time saddened at leaving Notre Dame Academy where I have had the pleasure of serving as teacher, principal and president throughout the past 15 years.

According to the NDA Bylaws, the NDA Board of Directors is responsible for conducting a search and hiring a President with the approval of the SND USA administration. The NDA Board of Directors will work in collaboration with a search committee and the NDA leadership team in conducting the search for a new President of NDA.

The transition to a new President will not happen overnight. As a matter of fact, I will continue in my role as President of NDA until September 1 or until our Board of Directors hires a new President of NDA. After that date, I will continue as NDA President Emerita in order to provide continuity if a new president has not yet been named.

I would like to thank you, our parents, for all you do in advancing the mission of Notre Dame Academy. It has been a privilege to work with such dedicated and talented people over the past 15 years. I sincerely appreciate your dedication to Catholic education and thank you for entrusting your daughter to our care.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. VonHandorf, the faculty, staff and administrative team at NDA. It has been a blessing to work with colleagues who share my deep commitment to the mission of Notre Dame Academy. Their passion for Catholic education and allegiance to the students of NDA has never been more evident than this past school year.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns however, I assure you that throughout this transition, Notre Dame Academy will continue to move forward carrying on the good work of the Sisters of Notre Dame - educating young women to make a difference in the world.

May you know God's goodness each day,

Dr. Laura Koehl
President, Notre Dame Academy

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.

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.**

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



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 24, we have had 0 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.

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.

Important Reminders:

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 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.**



ATTENTION PANDAS! ◀

Please know that we are doing our best to ensure that this is a special year for our students despite the challenges of COVID-19. Planning is in the works and we have submitted our ideas for our traditional NDA events to the Diocese and we are currently waiting for approval from them. This includes prom, graduation and other spring celebratory events.



SUPER DAY: TUESDAY, MARCH 2 ◀

Juniors will begin the ACT at 9:00 a.m. and dismiss around 12:45.

Sophomores begin at 9:00 a.m. and will take the CERT Test in the morning. In the afternoon, they will attend college and career programming and dismiss about 2:00 p.m.

Freshmen will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will take the CERT Test in the morning. In the afternoon, they will attend college and career programming and dismiss about 2:00 p.m.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES ◀

During the Lenten Season we encourage students to find ways that they can draw closer to God through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Below are some opportunities that will be offered:

Prayer - A decade of the Rosary is prayed every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:40 a.m. in the chapel. Mass is held every Friday morning at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel. Reconciliation will be offered through Religion Classes on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Students are encouraged to wear Purple accessories/shirts with their uniforms on Wednesdays as a way to remind us of this prayerful season.

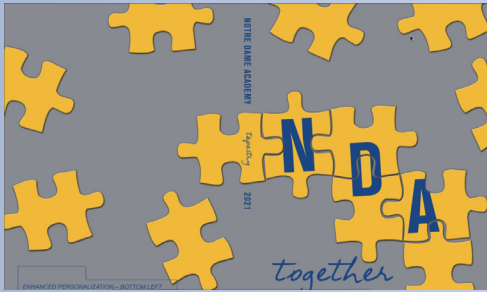
Fast - Students are encouraged to "give up" something during the Lenten Season - suggestions were shared in the student bulletin. Throughout Lent we will encourage students to fast from certain things for a day - for example - fast from gossip on Thursday, February 25. etc.

Almsgiving - Students are encouraged to find ways to give of their time and treasure in a way that benefits others. Whether that is through a service project or donating to one of our collections. We have a collection for GoPantry which ends on Friday, February 26. We will be taking part in the Rice Bowl Project this year as well. Rice Bowls were handed out in Religion classes last week and will be collected during Holy Week.

Additional opportunities may be added throughout Lent - students should listen for announcements and look for changes in the student bulletin.

Campus Ministry





YEARBOOKS: FLASH SALE IN FEBRUARY! ◀

Senior parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter? Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes starting at just \$45. You get to choose the photos and words you want, and making them is quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1069982/-/20210223041611680102/CATALOG_SHOP/



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Shimerec Shimerah Senior t-shirts are on sale in the Bambootique - Ha! Ha! Ha! Don't miss this Deal of the Week! Senior t-shirts are regularly \$12 and this week they are on sale for just \$5! This is a great graduation gift for any Class of 2021 Panda! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



NDA VS. CCH PENNY WAR ◀

During Catholic Schools Week, the Pandas challenged the Colonels to a penny war with proceeds supporting the Northern Kentucky Emergency Cold Shelter. Total money raised between the two schools was \$5216.46, and the Pandas came out ahead in the penny war. This morning the Colonels cheered for our Pandas for their good work!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

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. Any outstanding balances at that time will be billed via FACTS.



NDA ARCHERY PANDAS RIGHT ON TARGET! ◀

Congratulations to the Archery Pandas for their success at Saturday's Saint Henry Tournament. The Team scored 3157 with 109 tens, 131 nines and 93 eights. Ten archers scored over 250 and 21 scored over 200. The team was led by Ellie Puglisi at 279, Ella Weitzel at 277, Hana Kennedy at 269, Nicole Andrew at 269 and Megan Raab at 267. The Archery Pandas have qualified and will attend the Kentucky State NASP Tournament in Louisville on March 12. Go Pandas!

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**
PLEASE READ

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.



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.



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 26.



WE ARE ALMOST THERE... ◀

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 771. 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.

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.





CLASS REGISTRATION WINDOW OPENS

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The PowerSchool Class Registration window for the 2021-2022 school year will be open from 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 24th through 10:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1st. Written instructions on how to complete the course request form can be found on the PowerSchool Parent and Student Help page quick link found on the NDA home page. The direct link to the instructions is: http://www.ndapandas.org/Portals/ndapandas/Documents/Academics/2021_2022/2021_22_ClassReg_Instr.pdf

The help page also has a link to Mrs. Monohan's video demonstration of submitting course requests. The direct link to that video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmzJOg_4aKw&feature=youtu.be

Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in this process with their daughter to be aware of what courses will be on next year's schedule. The Ms. Burgei, Mrs. Monohan, and Mr. Schlosser will be in the cafeteria during lunch periods while the class registration window is open to answer questions and resolve any problems.



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



CINCINNATI ZOO JOBS ◀

The Cincinnati Zoo is hiring Seasonal Part Time Employment for students. Must be 16 years old. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



STATE OF MIND SPEAKER SERIES ◀

1N5 is offering a [State of Mind Speaker Series](#), a series of videos to promote mental health & wellness for educators, caregivers, and youth. Topics include: Stress Management, Mindfulness & Meditation, Self-Care, Mental Health Disorders, Grief & Loss, Advocacy & Education. Click on the link above to access - you can watch on your own time!

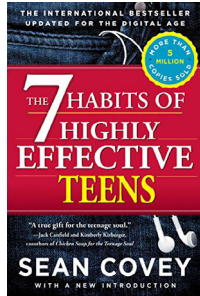
RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

February Recommendation:

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.

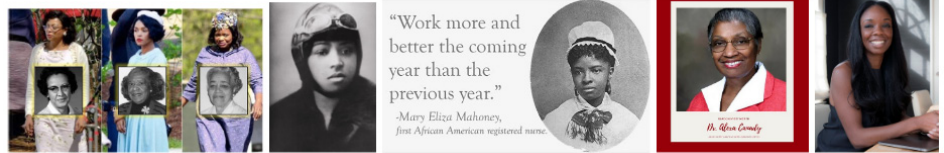


BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT NDA ◀

Our theme for this week of [Black History Month at NDA](#) is Science and Medicine. We continue to focus on accomplishments and contributions of Black American women throughout history. Come check out Pandaversity Club's Black History Month PowerPoint, which is rolling all month long on the monitor in the CLC!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Monday, February 22 - No School

Tuesday, February 23 - [Katherine Johnson](#), [Mary Jackson](#), [Dorothy Vaughn](#)

Wednesday, February 24 - [Bessie Coleman](#)

Thursday, February 25 - [Rebecca Lee Crumpler](#) and [Mary Eliza Mahoney](#)

Friday, February 26 - [Alexa Canady](#) and [Nadine Burke-Harris](#)

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.



Drug Free Clubs
OF AMERICA



[St. Elizabeth Healthcare](#) is one of the most respected medical providers in the Greater Cincinnati region. For more than 150 years, St. Elizabeth has been the heart and soul of healthcare in Northern Kentucky.

Founded with one small hospital in 1861, St. Elizabeth Healthcare now operates five facilities throughout Northern Kentucky - St. Elizabeth Covington, St. Elizabeth Edgewood, St. Elizabeth Florence, St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Grant. St. Elizabeth Healthcare is sponsored by the Diocese of Covington and provided more than \$117 million in uncompensated care and benefit to the community in 2017.

Our mission is to provide comprehensive and compassionate care that improves the health of the people we serve. We accomplish this through state-of-the-art technology and our dedicated associates, led by a well-respected board and executive leadership team who love this organization and our community.



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Urgent Action on HB 149 - Education Opportunity Accounts
- Help Wanted
- Cafeteria Staff Needed
- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages

▶ Important dates

February 24	Alumnae Mentoring Program
	8th Grade information night 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
February 25	Out of Uniform Day - Support Go Pantry!
February 26	Mass in Chapel at 7:20 a.m.
March 2	Super Day - SR OFF 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 19	Panda Prowl Kickoff
March 20	8th Grade Conferences
March 23	Panda Preview Night