



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I am happy to report that after two days of Remote Learning @ NDA, our students, faculty and staff all seem to be doing remarkably well and they are engaging in meaningful learning. I cannot fully express my gratitude to you and your daughters for working with us this past week as we blaze the trail of online instruction at Notre Dame Academy. This has truly been a collaborative effort!

We have received a great deal of positive feedback and have seen many examples of inspiration and success this week. I hope all is going well with your daughter's remote learning experience. Please feel free to contact me ([vonhandorfj@ndapandas.org](mailto:vonhandorfj@ndapandas.org)) or Assistant Principal Amber Grayson ([graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org)) if your daughter needs support through her transition to remote learning. I welcome any feedback from you or your daughter about her experience.

Dr. Koehl has started a blog as a way to stay in touch and share ideas and inspirations with our NDA community as we take on the challenges of COVID-19 and its effect on all of us. If you haven't had an opportunity to read Dr. Koehl's blog, you can do so [HERE](#). Also, yesterday we shared video of what remote teaching looks like for our students. If you missed it, you can find it [HERE](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your daughter needs to get into our school building for any reason, please email me or Mrs. Grayson first. Also, if she needs the Zoom app for any of her classes, it is available on the self-service app.

At the beginning of the school year, we talked a great deal about how we were going to focus on the first Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, *The Centrality of our Good and Provident God*. Since then, we have concentrated on our theme: **Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love**. We gave each student a Gratitude Journal and asked them to keep track of all of the good things happening in their lives this school year. While the COVID-19 crisis has presented us with some very challenging times, I would ask that we continue to encourage our students to be grateful. No matter how difficult life can feel, there is always something or someone to be grateful for and noting our appreciation can be beneficial in many ways. By being mindful of our gratitude, we can lower our stress, gain perspective and most importantly, strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with God.

On the first day of this school year, I challenged our students to be the best version of themselves, take healthy risks and to be resilient even when things did not work out as they expect them to. I didn't realize what a big challenge that was going to be at the time but from what I have seen from our students so far this week, they are rising to that challenge like the extraordinary young women we know them to be!

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept my gratitude to you as parents for sending your daughters to NDA. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community and look forward to seeing their smiling faces on our campus again soon. Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to educate young women to make a difference in the world!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# STUDENT LIFE

## FYI - For Your Information

### STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOOL OFFICER APPLICATIONS ◀

Any Junior who is interested in running for 2020-2021 Student Council School Co-President, School Secretary or School Treasurer must submit their applications electronically to Mrs. Wagner [wagnerk@ndapandas.org](mailto:wagnerk@ndapandas.org) or Mrs. Grayson [graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org) by 3:00 p.m. this Friday. If anyone needs an application, feel free to reach out to Mrs. Grayson or Mrs. Wagner.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ◀

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. NDA's previously planned Safe Environment Training for today will be rescheduled for a later date.

### PROM/AFTER PROM ◀

Administration is working on an alternative day for Prom 2020 which would require a new registration. After Prom will not be rescheduled. Refunds for registrations that were submitted in time for this past Friday's deadline will be issued for the Prom and After Prom. Payments issued online will be refunded electronically as soon as possible, and checks will not be cashed and will be shredded. Cash refunds will be issued at a later time. Please contact Mrs. Grayson [graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org) if you have additional questions.

### ADDITIONAL UPDATES ◀

Next Tuesday will be a full day of remote learning for students -- not a Super Tuesday as previously scheduled. We will be looking to reschedule the Senior Mission Retreat, Junior ACT and Freshmen and Sophomore CERT testing. You can find more specific info about the ACT test below in the Counseling and Student Services section.

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### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Dear Panda Community!

We know that there is a feeling of anxiety and disconnectedness as we put in place Remote Learning and Social Distancing. Our faith tells us that we are all One Body in Christ and one way to feel that connection (even when we are apart) is through prayer. **We would like to invite you (and your family) to join our NDA community in praying a decade of the Rosary every morning at 8:45 a.m. until we are able to come back together at NDA.** We will be asking for our Blessed Mother's intercession and protection during this time of uncertainty.

If you are not sure how to pray a Decade of the Rosary, you can find the prayers [HERE](#). If you don't have a rosary at home, it is fine, you have 10 fingers! It takes less than 5 minutes and is a great way to begin your day before you begin your work day/class work.

If you cannot stop at 8:45 a.m. to pray at the same time, no worries, our prayers are connected no matter what time you stop and pray. Find some time during your day to take a step back and say a prayer. There are so many good ones out there - and don't discredit your own prayer! It doesn't have to be a formal prayer - just speak from the heart!





## GOOD NEWS! ◀

This afternoon we had a bit of excitement and good news on our otherwise empty campus. Our Marian Shrine to be placed in the reflection space of our new *Mary, Mother of the World Chapel* was delivered! This beautiful tribute to Our Lady was created by Claire Wing who also created the new stained glass windows in our chapel. It may be a while before the shrine is completely set up but we will be in touch with any further progress on this special project!



## NDA CASH RAFFLE DRAWING ◀

Our \$10,000 Grand Prize winner for this year's NDA Cash Raffle was drawn this past Friday at 2:30 p.m. Congratulations to our winner, Margie Kaufman, Class of 1958.

Thank you to everyone in our NDA community who supported our 2020 Cash Raffle. We appreciate your commitment to Catholic Education at Notre Dame Academy!



Art ATHLETICS  
Music Something Fun Drama

Notre Dame Academy has

for everyone this summer!

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Check out all of the awesome classes offered this summer at NDA! You can find further information and registration forms online [HERE](#).



## YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

Order your daughter's 2020 yearbook now through the end of April and you can spread the \$70 purchase price over three installments if you like. [https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/).

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS AT NDA! ◀

NDA offers many athletic camp opportunities for students of all ages. You can check out all of NDA's 2020 Summer Athletic Camps [HERE](#).



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

**Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020**

**Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships**

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **APRIL 15, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year we cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



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### CORONAVIRUS UPDATES FOR ACT | SAT | AP EXAMS ◀

**ACT** — ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national test date to June 13 across the US. All students registered for the April 4 test date will receive an email from ACT informing them of the postponement and instructions for free rescheduling to June 13 or a future national test date. Please check the [ACT website](#) for updates. **ALSO:** The March 24 ACT that was scheduled for the juniors has been cancelled. We are working with the Diocese to determine what the makeup date for that test may be in the future.

**SAT** — The SAT for May 2 has been canceled. Makeup exams scheduled for March 28 are also canceled. Registered students will receive refunds.

**AP** — No changes regarding the AP exams have been announced. The College Board will have additional information by March 20. Ms. Burgei will keep you updated on the status of AP Exams.

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### BODY PEACE WEEK ◀

This week our NDA community celebrates Body Peace Week with our Teen Leadership Club. The teenage years are difficult ones for girls to feel confident about who they are. This is always a special week at NDA to encourage our students to feel positive about who they are right now. Although we cannot do the various activities that we normally do during Body Peace Week, we can still focus on the importance of promoting a positive sense of self. In celebration of Body Peace Week, Mrs. Maggard has created a video with a short message and along with a recording of the book “I Am Enough”. You can find Mrs. Maggard’s video [HERE](#).

### STRESS RELIEF RESOURCES ◀

NDA’s Panda Prime Time Enrichment Specialist Julie Geiman shared a few feelings & sensation word lists with us as our students may find these useful to tap into their feelings during these unique circumstances through conversation or daily journaling. You can find them [HERE](#).

For those seeking Relaxation & Music Meditation, as music is healing, we invite you to check out Mrs. Geiman’s music meditation [HERE](#).

Lastly, for those seeking a musical outlet during online learning, as music has the power to awaken the soul, we invite you to [CLICK HERE](#).





## SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. It will again be held at Summit Hills. Invitations will be mailed later in the fall, but it's not too late to mark your calendars! If you are interested in helping, or know anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851 or [goeken@ndapandas.org](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org) or Taffy Hebbeler at [taffheb@fuse.net](mailto:taffheb@fuse.net).

We are in the process of searching for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing!

All table captains are supplied with a "how to" basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA Gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the Gala. There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations. You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table, and ultimately FILL that table. :)

Table captain post cards/invites are completed by August/early September. Afterward, you can sit back, relax, and look forward to a fun evening with friends. It really is THAT SIMPLE...but it amounts to GREAT SUCCESS! If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at [hgdmd6@gmail.com](mailto:hgdmd6@gmail.com).



## CALENDAR UPDATES ◀

NDA's Alumnae Dinner Theatre originally scheduled for April 1 is postponed until a rescheduled date can be confirmed.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Sister of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Emergency Shelter of NKY - Homeless to Hopeful Event Postponed
- Jesuit Spiritual Center - Ignite Internship Program
- Position Available at Holy Trinity School
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities



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## ► Important dates

March	18	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	19	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	20	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	22	Mr. VonHandorf's Birthday!
	23	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Faculty
	24	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	25	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	26	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
	27	Remote Learning: "D" Schedule - follow Wednesday class rotation
April	8	Midquarter
	9-19	Easter Break