



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an opportunity to get outside this past week and enjoy the beautiful spring weather God has given us in this fifth week of Lent. It is a wonderful time of year to take a walk, enjoy the sunshine and talk to God. In this season of Lent, we are given the opportunity to consider the deeper truths of our faith. We prepare for Easter by taking quiet time of contemplation and we focus on the love and mercy God shows us in so many ways - most especially in the promise of His resurrection.

Spring is definitely in the air this week at Notre Dame Academy. It is wonderful to see our students enjoying lunch and a few of their classes outside. They have been working hard this semester and as much as they love being on campus this school year, I know they are excited for Easter break.

We are currently preparing for the safe and healthy return of our students to in-person learning after Easter break. To that end, we have asked students to report any and all upcoming travel plans. If you are planning to travel anytime during the remainder of this school year, please make note of the following:

- 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](#)

If you are traveling over Easter break, please continue to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies and monitor the state positivity rate of your destination. Even if you travel to a state with a positivity rate lower than 15%, if it rises above 15% while you are there, your daughter will need to quarantine for 10 days upon your return.

Students who reported travel plans will receive an email from our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, RN. in the next week to confirm any necessary remote learning they may be required to do after the break. I would like to thank our students for being so cooperative about reporting their upcoming travel plans. It is critical to the safe return of our students after Easter break that we are all forthcoming and work together in order to keep our community safe and healthy.

As you may have seen in the news, the CDC has updated its guidance for schools. Earlier this month, the agency announced it “now recommends that, with universal masking, students should maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings.” In some cases, this new guidance will allow us to keep all students in one classroom without the need for auxiliary classrooms. I will work with individual teachers to make adjustments to classroom capacity. The expectation will remain that students must stay 6 feet apart outside of the classroom. We will begin following this new guidance after Easter break.

Enjoy this beautiful day!

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.**

COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

- Daily symptom screenings with the NDA Symptom Checker
- Wearing masks
- Hand Sanitizing
- Social Distancing
- Following directional signs
- Cleaning and sanitizing our campus
- Using safety barriers where necessary
- Contact tracing
- Following NDA's COVID-19 Response Chart
- Remote Learning for students testing positive or exposed to COVID-19
- Following travel guidelines

Together we can Make a Difference!

As of today, Wednesday, March 24, we have had 0 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. Although we do not have any members of our community who have tested positive for COVID-19, we do have students who have reported that they have been exposed to COVID-19. As per our requirements, those students are following the quarantine guidelines in our [COVID-19 Response Chart](#).

We have consulted with the Diocese of Covington about these recent exposure 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.



FINAL FORMS FOR CURRENT FRESHMEN THROUGH JUNIORS ◀

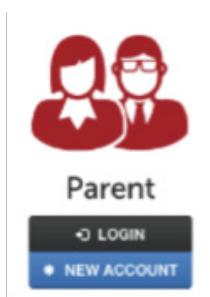
Hello Parents and Students. Please login to FinalForms to complete and sign all required forms for the 2021-2022 school year. Remember, FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, so your updates are critical for the accuracy of our records. **You should have received your daughter's course requests which were sent to your email on Monday, March 22. This information is important for the "Scheduling Agreement" tab in FinalForms.**

What information will I need to register for next year?

If your insurance company, policy number, doctor, dentist, and/or other medical specialist has changed, we will need that up-to-date contact information.

Visit the following link to access your account: <https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com/students>

Click LOGIN under the Parent Icon.



Make sure you are on the 2021-2022 school year. You will see screens as shown below.

Locate and click the INCOMPLETE FORMS button for the student you wish to register for next year. Please note: if you have a second child entering the Freshmen Class for 2025, she can be added using her NDA Gmail account information which was shared at your Saturday conference.

If your student plans to participate in a sport, click the checkbox for each. Then, click UPDATE after making your selection. Selections may be changed until the registration deadline on May 1, 2021.

Complete each form and sign your full name in the parent signature field on each page. After signing each, click SUBMIT FORM and move on to the next form.

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Form Signatures'. It contains two signature fields. The first is labeled 'Parent Signature:' and has a text input box below it. Below the input box is the text 'Your signature MUST match your name: Clayton Burnett'. The second is labeled 'Student Signature:' and has a text input box below it with the text 'Student must log in to sign.' at the bottom. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: a blue 'Submit Form' button and a blue 'Skip this form' link.

When all forms are complete, you will see a 'Forms Finished' message.

GOOD NEWS!

Students can wear Spirit Wear (with uniform skirts) all next week!

Campus Ministry



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 had a collection for GoPantry in February and we are 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.

RETREAT UPDATES ◀

Junior Retreat Update: The Junior Class Retreat has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Juniors are expected to attend. If your daughter is on the remote learning list at that time she will be sent reflection activities to complete at home that day as she will not be allowed on campus. More details will be shared with the Juniors after Spring Break.

Sophomore Retreat & Ring Ceremony: The Sophomore Class retreat has been scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Sophomores are expected to attend. If your daughter is on the remote learning list at that time she will be sent reflection activities to complete at home that day as she will not be allowed on Campus. We will be incorporating the Sophomore Ring Ceremony into the Retreat Day this year. More details will be shared with the Sophomores after Spring Break.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

5K PANDA PROWL

**April 30,
2021**

WHAT IS THE PANDA PROWL?

A Student Fundraiser (5K walk) to benefit Notre Dame Academy. This year we will donate 10% of the net proceeds to our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda to assist with a student's education, health needs, and other basic necessities.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate to support a student
- Become an Event Sponsor for the Walk

Scan the
code to
donate
now



WHO SHOULD I CONTACT TO HELP?

Contact Denise
Bowman with any
questions or to make
a donation
859.292.1849
**bowmand@ndapandas.
org**



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PANDA PROWL ◀

Today our students received an email with important information regarding the student fundraiser. On April 30, students will participate in the Panda Prowl, a 5K walk around campus and the surrounding area. Our student fundraiser is one of the main fundraisers at NDA and benefits our tuition assistance program as well as a variety of student and program needs. This year we are teaming up with our Uganda Pandas Club and 10% of our net proceeds will be donated to our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. The money donated will assist with a student's education, health needs, and other basic necessities.

Click [HERE](#) to make a donation or to sponsor a student and help us reach our goal of \$45,000!



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 16, 2021

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 16, 2021**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 16, 2021**.

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](#).

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due in the front office no later than **April 16, 2021**.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Don't miss all of the awesome spirit wear at NDA's Bambootique! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).



ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK! ◀

Click [HERE](#) for the lunch order form for next week.

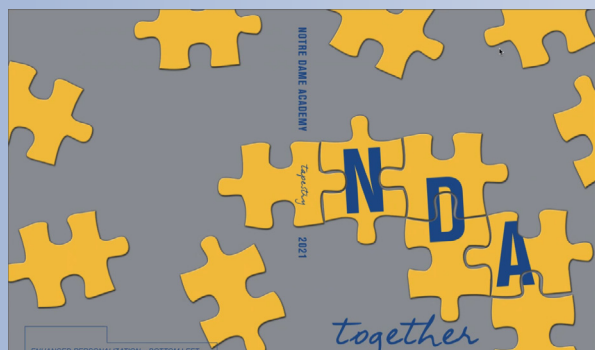
This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. **Please indicate which days you would like to purchase lunch next week.** Payment will be due upon pick up in the cafeteria and using your ID card barcode and will be charged to your NDA lunch account through [PayPams](#).

Orders for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5.



NDA SUMMER ART STUDIO ◀

Mr. Eckerle will once again be offering Junior High and High School Summer Art Studio classes this summer. You can find more information and the registration form for these fun summer programs [HERE](#). **Please note: registration forms are due by May 28.**



YEARBOOKS: RECOGNITION ADS ARE BACK! ◀

Don't forget to buy your yearbook! Yearbooks on sale through May 28 [HERE](#).

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/

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY



BODY PEACE WEEK ◀

This week we are celebrating Body Peace Week. During this week we try to build ourselves up and focus on how we are all more than just our outward appearances. We have challenged everyone to focus any compliments they give out this week to be based on someone's abilities, skills, talents, or effort instead of their appearance. Please take a minute this week to compliment your daughter on one of these things to help her realize she is more than what we simply see!



BEST WINNERS FOR Q3 ◀

Congratulations to our BEST winners for quarter 3. These students have been nominated by faculty as students that are very hard working and serve as a leader in their classrooms.

Freshman: Mary Catherine Kelly

Sophomore: Kiera Schneider

Junior: Natalie Bessler

Senior: Annie Kleier

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

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.

BASKETBALL NEWS ◀

Your basketball pandas are playing in the first round of the Region Tournament at Holmes High School on Thursday March 25 at 7 p.m. You can get your tickets in the athletic office or by emailing Mrs Webster. Tickets are \$6 and first come first served. You can pay with cash, exact change appreciated, or check made out to NDA. You will also get a COVID screening with your ticket to fill out and present with your ticket at the game. There will be no ticket sales at the door so get your tickets early!

JUST A FEW MORE... ◀

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 817. 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.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

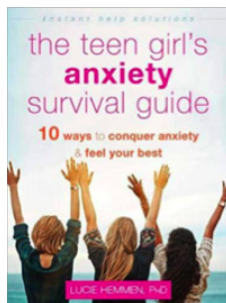


FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS FROM “COLLEGE & BEYOND” ◀

College & Beyond is offering Spring 2021 College Info Workshops for Parents. Workshop Topics Include: College Funding, Divorced Families and the College Process, Tips To Help Your Student Get Into Their Top College, and more. [College & Beyond: Spring Workshops](#)

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX



NEW ITEM!

The Teen Girl's Anxiety Survival Guide: 10 Ways to Conquer Anxiety and Feel Your Best, by Lucy Hemmen

10 strategies to help cope with anxious thoughts and feelings in healthy ways. You'll learn how anxiety works, and why you feel it; how to overcome negative thinking; mindfulness skills for calming your mind and body; and how self-compassion can help cultivate a more positive outlook on life.

DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Parents, be sure to read the email sent from Drug Free Club to you today, with tips on how you can capitalize on moments to talk with your daughters about important topics!

DFCA 2021 Scholarship Contest is Open until April 5!

6 - \$500: Finalist Awards

3 - \$1,000: Runner-up Awards

1 - \$2,000: Top Award

The Drug Free Clubs of America Scholarship is now open to all active members! Click [HERE](#) to access information and the actual application (which must be signed and turned in with the essay) to enter. All entries must be submitted to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard by midnight on Monday April 5, 2021

2021 KENTUCKY GIRLS STATE PROGRAM ◀

The 2021 Kentucky Girls State Program is open to current juniors and seniors with an interest in Political Science, Government, or History. This Virtual Session will take place June 6-11 and provide young women with the opportunity to learn about government by establishing a mock government. Each attendee is assigned a mythical city, a political party, runs for elected offices, and gains a seat in the Senate or House of Representatives to pass legislation. Contact a School Counselor for more information. Deadline for registration is May 15. Click [HERE](#) for forms and information.





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COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?
- St. Agnes Big Blue Bash
- 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

March 26	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
March 29	School officer elections
	Holy Week prayer service
April 1	Spring break begins
April 12	Classes resume
April 16	Midquarter
April 19	Grade Level Co-President Elections in homerooms
April 22	SO Retreat (SO no classes)
April 23	JR Retreat (JR no classes)
April 30	Panda Prowl (no classes today)
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