LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed and joyous Easter break. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect, think and pray. It was also a great chance for our students to relax a bit before the final weeks of the school year.

Due to the reduced number of COVID-19 cases and the increased number of COVID-19 vaccinations, we are able to adjust a few of our COVID-19 protocols beginning this week at NDA. Starting tomorrow, we will no longer be conducting temperature checks for students, staff or visitors upon entry into the school building or athletic events. In order to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our community following spring break, we will continue to use our COVID-19 Symptom Checker through Friday, April 23. Moving forward, those who have been fully vaccinated will no longer need to follow our NDA travel quarantine requirements. (Fully vaccinated means two weeks after the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.) Also, at this time we are able to sell 4 adult tickets per student athlete to games/events and siblings of the student athlete may purchase tickets in addition to the 4 adult tickets.

While we are making these changes to our COVID-19 protocols, please know that we feel strongly about continuing to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies at NDA. We are still in a global pandemic and we recognize that COVID-19 remains a threat to many members of our community, namely our students who have not had the opportunity to get vaccinated yet. Please continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family or travel plans.

I am very pleased to announce our Class of 2021 valedictorian and salutatorian today. Our Class of 2021 valedictorian is Ceceilagh Pitstick and our salutatorian is Gwyneth Thomas. I would like to congratulate both of these young women on their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Throughout the school year we are blessed to bring you all sorts of exciting news about the many accomplishments of our NDA community. I am very proud our students' achievements and I thank our faculty and you, their parents, who have helped them along the way. While our students' successes are a source of pride for all of us, it is important to remember that a Notre Dame Academy education is more than that. It is about the good work of leading our students to become strong independent young women who strive to make a difference in the world. A Notre Dame Academy education is also about instilling in our students the spiritual and moral values that will prepare them for a life of success, community service and personal fulfillment. Handed down to us from the Sisters of Notre Dame, these are the values that inspire our work.

Enjoy this special time of year. As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love!*

In Notre Dame.

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

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NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION <

REMEMBER, the <u>NDA COVID-19 Information page</u> on the website has many important resources for parents and students.

SCHOOL NURSE

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATED PROTOCOLS:

With the increase in COVID-19 vaccinations and the decline in the number of COVID-19 cases, we are able to update a few of our COVID-19 protocols:

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- We will continue to use our COVID-19 Symptom Checker through Friday, April 23 to ensure that NDA is a safe and healthy environment following spring break.
- Moving forward, those who have been fully vaccinated do not need to follow NDA's travel quarantine requirements. Fully vaccinated means two weeks after the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- We are now able to sell 4 adult tickets per student athlete and siblings
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 tickets.

Please continue to 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.

COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

- 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, April 14, we have had 2 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We also have several students who have reported that they have been exposed to COVID-19 or they have traveled by public transportation within the last 10 days. 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.



STU-CO NEWS:

Congratulations to NDA's Student Council on receiving the National Council Gold of Excellence Award for the fifth year in a row! For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and



community, NDA's Student Council has been recognized as a 2021 National Gold Council of Excellence by National of Student Council. NDA is one of 3 schools in the entire state of Kentucky to have earned this recognition this year. CLICK HERE to view the complete list of schools with Student Councils who have earned this distinction. Way to go, StuCo!

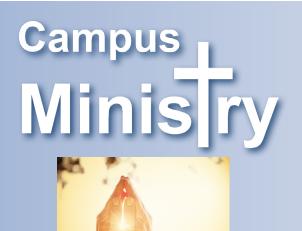




JOIN US FOR BENEFIT NIGHT AT FT. WRIGHT SKYLINE!

Notre Dame Academy is partnering with St. Ursula Academy in Cincinnati to raise money for Leukemia research at Children's hospital. Typically funds are raised through the annual Orange and White flag football game, but this year, Skyline is helping us combine forces for good. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 28 and plan for Skyline for dinner!

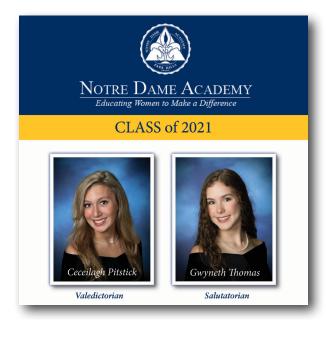
Bring this ticket to Skyline Chili at 1730 Dixie Highway on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and 10% of the night's sales will be given to Notre Dame Academy and then turned over to Children's Hospital for Leukemia research. This benefit is only valid at the Skyline - Ft. Wright location.



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 in the coming week.

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 in the coming week.



BEST OF THE CLASS

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce the Class of 2021 valedictorian, Ceceilagh Pitstick and salutatorian, Gwyneth Thomas. Congratulations to both of these young women and their ongoing commitment to academic excellence!



SENIOR SEMI-FORMAL EVENT

Registration for NDA's Senior Semi-Formal Event scheduled for Friday, April 30 is open and due this Friday! Additional information for this event can be found HERE.

A huge thank you to Class Co-Presidents Claire Dunham and Emma Summe and the other members of the planning committee for their work planning an enjoyable event for the Class of 2021.



IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION

Seniors will be receiving their caps and gowns this Monday, April 19, during lunch. The graduation gowns are rented and the caps are your daughter's to keep. Seniors, please open your gown up when you get home and make sure it is in good shape.

Also, seniors will also be receiving graduation announcements (if they ordered them) on Monday as well.

Further information regarding graduation and senior events will be posted on our website <u>HERE</u> as the information becomes available.

BLUE GOWN GIRLS TRADITION

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NDA's blue gown girls tradition is for the sisters of graduating seniors who are also NDA students and would like to participate in our graduation ceremony. Sisters of seniors wear blue gowns and escort the graduates into the ceremony. If you have freshman, sophomore or junior daughter who would like to be apart of this special ritual, please have them contact Ms. Litmer at litmerl@ndapandas.org. Forms are due to the office by this Friday, April 16.

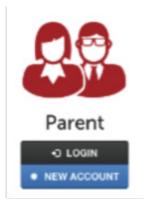
FINAL FORMS FOR CURRENT FRESHMEN THROUGH JUNIORS

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.



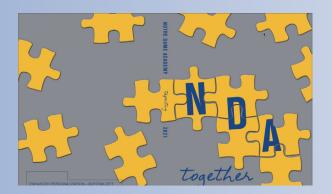
Make sure you are on the 2021-2022 school year. You will see screens as shown below.

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 of 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.





YEARBOOK NEWS!

2020: Distribution of the 2020 NDA yearbook, Women With a Vision, began Monday in homerooms and will continue Friday. If you are a remote learner, you may pick up your copy when you return to campus. 2020 graduates' books were mailed to their home addresses. If you did not buy your copy yet, we have some for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email Mr. Glynn (glynnr@ndapandas.org) for more information.

2021: The 2021 book, Together, is on sale now at <u>jostens.com</u> through May 15. Books are \$70 and will be ready for fall delivery.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS!

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/



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA

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



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, April 16.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Attention Parents - Please check on your daughter's lunch account balance - we currently have many overdue accounts. You can check your daughter's account here: PayPams.

PANDA PROWL TURN IN DAYS:

April

4/13: Turn in Day 2

4/15: Turn in Day 3

(Out of Uniform 4/16)

4/20: Turn in Day 4

4/22: Turn in Day 5

(Out of Uniform 4/23)

4/26: Turn in Day 6

4/28: Turn in Day 7

(Out of Uniform 4/29)

Money will be collected in the foyer before school on the turn in days. You must receive an out of uniform button in order to dress down!

PANDA PROWL

To support the Panda Prowl click HERE.







BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS

Celebrate spring with a new face mask from the Bambootique! All face masks are \$3.00 this week! Shop now at NDA's online Bambootique.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Work Study Job Application Deadline: THIS FRIDAY - 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.

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



Basketball fell in the Region Finals in over time to Dixie. They finish the season with a 21-5 record and as the Region Runner Up! Lacey Bradshaw and Macie Feldman were both named to the All Tournament Team.



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. COLVIN



Congratulations to Susan Colvin for receiving the St. Elizabeth Healthcare I'm Right Here award for all her work to ensure a COVI-19 safe environment for our return to sports this year.



CELEBRATING TRACK SENIORS



NDA hosted the Diocese track meet and celebrated our seniors. Michaela Summe, Delaney Eviston, Hailey Taylor, Abby Graus, Olivia Maschinot and Iris Schuh! The Pandas finished 3rd in the meet.

AQUA PANDA NEWS

The Aqua Pandas have been hard at work practicing all the way since the beginning of November! They competed in three swim meets and four dive meets this season prior to Regionals. The swimmers took two 1st places and one 2nd place finish. The divers had Sydney Dierig finish 2nd and Corinne Laws finish 3rd. Sophomore, Lainy Kruger, has taken first place in every event she has been entered in.

The team competed in Regionals last week over the spring break, with diving in Versailles on April 6 and swimming at Silverlake on April 9. Diver Chelsea Collins and swimmers Sophie Anderson, Lainy Kruger, Evie Huff, Riley Quinn, Sammie Poulos and Mary Reynolds competed at Regionals. Though a much smaller group this year, in part due to COVID-related delays and the KHSAA extending the winter swim season to end of April and well into the spring sports season this year, the small but mighty swim & dive team placed 5th at Regionals!

Diver Chelsea Collins placed 10th at Regionals. On the swimming side, two relays came in 3rd and qualified for States, the 400 freestyle relay and 200 Medley Relay, both consisting of Sammie Poulos, Riley Quinn, Lainy Kruger, and Sophie Anderson. For individual accomplishments, Riley Quinn came in 2nd in the 200 IM, automatically qualifying for States. She also came in 5th place in the 100 breast and qualified for States. Lainy Kruger came in 1st in both of her events at Regionals and set two new Regional records in the 100 free and 100 breast and was also voted female athlete of the meet.

Congratulations to the swimmers and divers for all of their hard work throughout the season. The swimmers head to the State meet at Union College on April 24.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OHIO) SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Session I: June 27-July 9, 2021 Session II: July 11-23, 2021

Miami University's <u>Summer Scholars Program</u> is a selective two-week program that provides a rich, early college experience for rising high school juniors and seniors. Students will get a glimpse of life on campus as they dive into a specific academic program with faculty and other students who share their interests. Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2021 *Scholarships are available for students with financial need who apply and are accepted.



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER SPRING WEBINAR FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

Do you want to compete in college sports? Join the NCAA Eligibility Center for their spring webinar for college bound student athletes and their families on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. EST. This webinar will teach you about initial eligibility requirements you must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school. Click <u>HERE</u> to for more information and to register.



VIRTUAL CAREER EXPLORATION CAMP

The North Central Area Health Education Center is offering a virtual camp this summer where students can explore various health related careers via Zoom. The program will be led by health professionals and "hands on" experiences will be offered.

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (June 21, 23, 25, 2021)

TIME: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm each day via ZOOM. A new zoom link will be sent with additional instructions.

CAMP ACTIVITY BAG PICK-UP: Thursday June 17, 2021, between the hours of 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm or 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

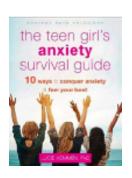
Everything you need to perform the hands-on activity will be in the bag, in addition to instructions!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday May 28, 2021 11:30 pm (this is a very popular camp and is limited to 40 students)

APPLICATION LINK:

(https://forms.gle/JhKwBrndnmW5zzkQ7)





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.



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 836. 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

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.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



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You can find a complete list of community news HERE:

- Music and Cross-Curricular Summer Workshops & Course Offerings for Immanuel School of Music
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?
- Help Wanted
- · Cafeteria Staff Needed

Important dates

April 16	Midquarter
	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
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)
	SR Semi-Formal Event at Music Hall
May 2	Band concert
May 3	AP Exams begin
May 9	Mother's Day