



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Happy Earth Day! I hope you have all had a chance to go outside and enjoy this beautiful day that God has given us!

This has been a tough week for our NDA school community. While we all realize the importance of staying home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it's difficult to believe that our school year will end without our students, faculty and staff coming together on our campus. Now that we know that we will continue with Remote Learning @ NDA through the end of our school year, we are better able to give you information regarding our calendar. I would like to reiterate some of the dates and events you learned about yesterday:

Academic School Year Information

- Remote Learning @ NDA will continue for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.
- The 2019-20 school year will end on May 15, 2020.
- Remote Learning from April 20 through May 15 will follow a "D" schedule beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:01 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Every Wednesday will be a Panda Prime Time (PPT) day. On these days, each of your daughter's teachers will set up a two-hour time period when your daughter can receive additional help.
- Final exams have been cancelled however all required work for classes will need to be completed including project assignments.
- AP exams will begin on May 11 online.
- Students will have a scheduled opportunity before the end of the school year to retrieve items from their lockers.

Our hearts go out to all of our students at this time, especially our seniors. We are heartbroken for this amazing group of young women and are committed to doing all we can to allow them to experience as many of the wonderful senior traditions at NDA as possible. Please note, there is a special letter to senior parents from Dr. Laura Koehl with information regarding senior activities on the next page.

Parents, I cannot thank you enough for your cooperation and support throughout these last several weeks. We understand how difficult this pandemic has been on not only your daughters but also for your families. Everyone is dealing with their own set of challenges and trying to do what is best for their family during this uncertain time. As always, it is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

*Cultivating hope and happiness,
Strengthened by God's love.*



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



from the Desk of Dr. Laura Koehl

Dear Senior Parents,

As a follow up to our communication about graduation that was sent yesterday, I wanted to offer the following which I hope will emphasize and clarify our current plans;

- We are working very hard to find creative ways to plan a meaningful and memorable graduation ceremony and associated activities following the guidelines given to us by the Diocese.
- We are handing out caps and gowns this Friday and very much looking forward to seeing our seniors as they drive by for the delivery.
- Mr. VonHandorf and Mrs. Grayson are working with our student leaders on options for the Senior Send Off that typically takes place at the end of the school year. The video that is normally used for that annual event is in production.
- NDA is planning a graduation weekend of celebration for our seniors in July. This has been something we have been considering for some time. Our senior class co-presidents, Molly Kleier and Kate Joyce, are surveying their classmates to assist with the planning and timing of these activities.
- Plans for the July celebration would include Senior Awards, a breakfast or luncheon, prom, a possible alternate Senior Send Off - depending on student feedback. While we are required to graduate our students in May, we will find a way to also memorialize that occasion as part of this weekend. Students will be permitted to keep caps and gowns until this July event. This is a work in progress and will depend on the state guidelines for gatherings that are in place at that time.
- There are many traditions associated with our graduation including: red roses, Senior Send Off, valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, senior awards, Baccalaureate, yard signs, the school song, the senior memory book and signing the senior wall. We are working ways to incorporate all of these into our plans for May or July.

Notre Dame Academy is a school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame and a member of the Diocesan system of schools. The diocese provides support to our school in many ways including funds for tuition assistance and providing a framework for collaboration with the other high schools and grade schools on many projects that benefit our teachers and students.

Our goal is to provide for a graduation experience under the current and projected limitations that

- honors and celebrates our graduates,
- provides for the safety of our students, parents, faculty and staff, and
- complies with Diocesan requirements and our SND principles of education.

This is a work in progress. Please watch for additional details in the coming days. On behalf of Mr. VonHandorf and Mrs. Grayson, I appreciate your patience and support as we work through what is undoubtedly one of the most difficult challenges most educators have seen in recent times.

May you know God's goodness each day,

▶ COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

In this time of uncertainty we know many are searching for answers in writings, meditations, podcasts, scripture, etc. Below are some resources for you from our NDA community to help you get through these challenging days.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. LAURA KOEHL ◀

PRESIDENT'S BLOG

This daily blog is 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. You can access Dr. Koehl's blog [HERE](#).

CALM ◀

Enjoy this curation of meditations, sleep stories, music and more, all hand-picked to support your mental and emotional wellness through this time. [CLICK HERE](#)



POPE FRANCIS ◀

Daily activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis can be found [HERE](#).

MASS ◀

Although we are very much missing Mass at our parishes these days, you can go to Mass anywhere in the world right now online! Check out mass-online.org.



FREE RESOURCES ◀

You can find free resources to support you through the pandemic from Common Sense Media [HERE](#).



THE MAGNIFICAT ◀

The Magnificat is great daily reflection resource. They are offering free access to their daily reflections during this time. Use this link to sign up. <https://us.magnificat.net/free>

RELAXATION & MUSIC MEDITATION ◀

[NPR TINY DESK CONCERTS](#)

[MUSIC MEDITATION](#)



NORTHERN KENTUCKY

NKY COVID-19 SERVICE GUIDE ◀

These are difficult times for many. Catholic Charities has shared this [Northern Kentucky COVID-19 Service Guide](#) for those needing assistance during this time. If you are experiencing difficulties, you may want to use this information to reach out to one of the service agencies listed in this guide. Also, if you are in need of meals, please know that you can contact your local public school system to obtain meals.

COVID-19 HOTLINES ◀

- [Kentucky](#)
- [OHIO](#)
- [INDIANA](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

EXCELLENT APPS ◀

You can find excellent relations apps [HERE](#).

PRAY THE ROSARY ◀

Pope Francis asked people to unite in the spirit of prayer on March 19. We continue to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession and protection during this time of uncertainty by praying the [Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary](#) led by our NDA Campus Minister Bridget Price.

NDA COUNSELORS ◀

During Remote Learning, NDA Counselors can support students in these ways:

- Can assist students with academic or emotional concerns
- Can meet with students via Google Meet
- Can be reached through email or by leaving a voice mail on their direct line

How to contact Counselors:

- Send email to: counselors@ndapan-das.org



FINAL FORMS

(Current freshmen through junior families only) ◀

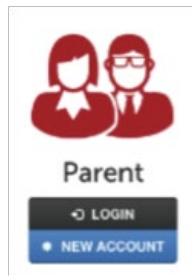
Please update your FinalForms account for the 2020-2021 school year by May 1. Both parent/guardian and student are required to sign off on the forms before fully complete. Next year's course requests were emailed to parents/guardians which must be verified in FinalForms. If you did not receive this course list in an email on April 8, please contact Mrs. Chrissy Monohan for the course information (monohanc@ndapandas.org). Thank you for your cooperation!

What information will I need to register for next year?

If any of the following information has changed, you will need basic medical history and health information. Insurance company and policy number. Doctor, dentist, and medical specialist contact information. Hospital preference and 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 2020-2021 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: incoming Freshmen will register at a later time.

If your student plans to participate in a sport, then click the checkbox for each. Then, click UPDATE after making your selection. Selections may be changed until the registration deadline on May 1, 2020.

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.

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



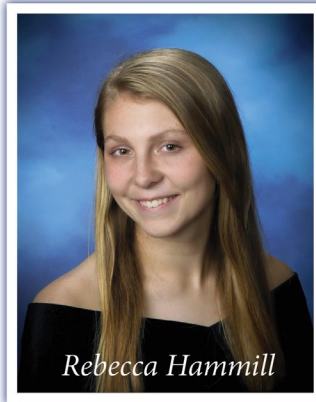
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

CLASS of 2020



Laura Neltner

Valedictorian



Rebecca Hammill

Salutatorian

BEST OF THE CLASS ◀

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce the Class of 2020 valedictorian, Laura Neltner and salutatorian, Rebecca Hammill. Congratulations to both of these young women and their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

Since we could not make the announcement to them in person at school, we delivered a cookie bouquet to each of these seniors over spring break!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

Senior caps and gowns have been delivered TO NDA! Since we are unable to have students pick their caps and gowns up at school during lunch mods as originally planned, we will be distributing them this Friday, April 24 between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. outside of our school building. This will enable us to have photos of our students in their caps and gowns in our pre-recorded graduation ceremony. You will receive additional information on the specifics of taking that photo and where to submit it later this week.

You can find a "Time to Sign Up" link [HERE](#) where you can choose a time that is most convenient for you on Friday afternoon. We will have 7 slots every 10 minutes to help expedite the process.

We ask that when you come to NDA, you pull down Hilton Drive and around the front circle to the main doors of the school. Due to social distancing requirements, we ask that you stay in your car and unlock your trunk when you stop in the circle. Please have a sign with your last name on it in your car window and we will place the cap and gown in your car. No one will need to get out of their car and we request that no one gathers in the parking lot after picking up your cap and gown.

If you are unable to come to school to pick up your cap and gown on Friday, please contact Mrs. Kirn at kirn1@ndapandas.org.

Although this is not the way we originally planned to distribute caps and gowns to our seniors, we are very excited to begin preparations for their graduation. We are currently working with senior leadership to plan a tentative senior weekend in July to give them a chance to come back to campus. We assure you that we will make every effort to help them experience as many of the wonderful senior traditions at NDA as possible.

Also, we have reached out to Graduate Services regarding your Graduation Announcements and your caps and gowns. If you ordered graduation announcements, Graduate services will be sending them to your home in the next week or so

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday as you drive by to pick up your cap and gown!

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE 2020 RESULTS ARE IN! ◀



ACCEPTED to Governor's School for ENTREPRENEURS (GSE)

Paige Neuhaus

ACCEPTED to Governor's School for the ARTS (GSA)

Visual Art - Jenna Shriver

Visual Art - Stella Skinner

Visual Art - Annabelle Stansel



Alternates (8)

Architecture + Design - Gabrielle Joyce

Dance - Adeline Stanley

Film + Photography - Pascal LeRoy

Musical Theatre - Ava Stansel

Visual Art - Gabrielle Joyce

Visual Art - Laura Masur

Visual Art - Grace Siemer

Vocal Music - Molly Chun



(The artwork above was created by Jenna Shriver. We will share samples of all of our GSA accepted students in a future Panda Press Weekly.)

ACCEPTED to Governor's SCHOLARS Program (GSP):

Isabel Alcorn

Samantha Bailey

Amelia Coomes

Abby Graus

Shelby Turney



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

ATTENTION SENIORS ◀

If you are a senior and planning to continue your athletic career in college please let Mrs. Webster know at websterm@ndapandas.org.



CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Please join us in congratulating NDA Athletic Director, Myanna Webster and her family on their new addition! Mrs. Webster had her baby this past Saturday. Colin James Webster came into the world at 8 pounds 14 ounces and 21.5 inches long. Please keep Mrs. Webster and her family in your prayers.

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2020 Golf Outing

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

22nd Annual NDA Golf Outing

All proceeds benefit NDA
Athletics

4 Person Scramble
\$150/player

7:15a Registration

8a Shotgun Start

1p Lunch, Ball Drop,
Auction Baskets

Register at www.ndapandas.org

NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

Mark your calendar for the OrthoCincy - Notre Dame Academy 2020 Golf Outing on Friday, July 31, 2020 at Summit Hills Country Club! You can find registration and sponsorship information [HERE](#).

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE! ➡

AP EXAMS ◀

AP Exams will be happening May 11 - May 22. You can view the dates of all exams here: [AP Exam Dates](#).

Ms. Burgei has been getting some questions about AP Exams and how that will work the week of May 11-15 (since we will still be in classes). She will send out detailed info soon so hold tight for now.

ONLINE ACT MATH PREP COURSE ◀

NKY Tutoring is offering an online ACT Math Prep course leading up to the June 13 ACT. [NKY Tutoring Math Prep](#)

DRUG FREE CLUB 2020 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST DATE CHANGES ◀

Due to school closures, Drug Free Clubs of America has extended the due dates of the 2020 Scholarship Essay Contest.

The new deadline dates are as follows: **5/1/20: Submit an essay in response to the question in the blue box below - along with this completed application - to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard - by midnight on 5/1/20.**

Answer this question in an essay (meeting the formatting rules above) and submit it to your school's DFCA coordinator by 5/1/20. Make sure your name, school and grade are at the top of your essay.

What has your experience as a member of Drug Free Clubs of America taught you about yourself, your school, your family, your community and/or others you know?

(Click [HERE](#) for Application) **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

HOW TO CONTACT COUNSELORS: ◀

- Send email to: counselors@ndapandas.org

OR

- Contact a Counselor directly:
 - Kathy Hildreth:
hildrethk@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1825
 - Chrissy Monohan:
monohanc@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1833
 - Erin Maggard:
maggarde@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1834
 - Kelly Burgei:
burgeik@ndapandas.org (859) 292-1830

2020 Scholarship Contest Date Changes



NEW DATES FOR ENTRIES





FROM THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME ◀

Dear Friends,

Before sharing an update about our annual festival, I want to let you know that we are praying daily for the health and [intentions](#) of our partners in mission.

Our face-to-face interactions are limited, but your presence is felt in our hearts. We are grateful for all of the outreach and offers of help we've received since the COVID-19 outbreak began. Thank you from all of us at the Sisters of Notre Dame.

I hope you will read on for a first-of-its-kind announcement regarding our Fourth of July Festival. Please do not hesitate to contact us (info at bottom) with questions and ideas.

With gratitude,

Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND
Provincial

FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Fourth of July Festival has been held annually since 1922.

It is a day we celebrate with our friends and families while supporting SND ministries near and far.

➤➤ Due to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak, we have made the decision not to host an in-person Festival on July 4, 2020. ◀◀

We will, however, carry on with the following initiatives:

- Grand Raffle (online sales only)
- Sponsorship and Donations
- Online Auction

You can bid from anywhere this year. The online auction will open a week before July 4.

- Facebook Live Updates

Proceeds benefit local and global SND ministries and our retired sisters.
We hope you will be a part of reaching our fundraising goal! (\$105,000)

As Sisters of Notre Dame, we strive to always look to the signs of the times and respond in a way that is relevant and to the benefit of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Thank you for your understanding and, we hope, your partnership in making the modified 2020 4th of July Festival a great success!

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Margie Schnelle:
mschnelle@sndky.org
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Jodee McElfresh:
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IMPORTANT LONGSHORE DINING HALL NOTICE ◀

ATTENTION PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and pay any outstanding balances.

SENIOR PARENTS: Please check your daughter's account balance and let Cafeteria Manager Karen Brungs know if you would like a refund or transfer your balance. Thank you! Contact information: Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org.



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 or Taffy Hebbeler at taffheb@fuse.net.



[River Metals Recycling](#) (RMR) is the largest scrap recycler in Kentucky and in the greater Cincinnati/NKY region, with nine locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. River Metals Recycling gladly pays you to recycle your scrap metal. Bring in your old cars or trucks, appliances, cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, and electronic scrap to RMR's Newport, Kentucky recycling facility and get cash on the spot, fast! We are open to the public 6 days a week at 1220 Licking Pike. Check us out at RMRrecycling.com or call us at 859-331-CASH. Join area businesses and your neighbors, and recycle with us!

► Important dates

April 20 - May 15

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May 11

AP exams begin online

May 15

Last day of 2019-20 school year