



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are in week seven of Remote Learning @ NDA. This has been a challenging time for our entire community. In addition to quarantining and social distancing, our students, faculty, staff and administration have worked hard transitioning to remote learning. We can all be very satisfied in knowing that we have done our best to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at NDA.

While we see the struggles of life during coronavirus each day in our daily news, we are also beginning to see a few silver linings of sheltering in our homes. Many families are getting the opportunity to spend more time together. People are getting outside and enjoying nature more and are becoming healthier. Pollution has dropped significantly. Life has slowed down quite a bit for some and this global pandemic seems to have given us a bit more perspective than we may have had before. I hope you and your daughter are experiencing some of these silver linings and have been able to *cultivate hope and happiness, strengthened by God's love* over the past seven weeks.

As we reach the end of the "shelter in place" phase of slowing the spread of COVID-19, we are excited to see things open up around us and we are anxious to move on to the new normal being proposed. We must continue to take personal responsibility to ensure that we are making a difference in the world during this time. It is important that we realize that our actions greatly affect those around us. We must continue to think of ourselves as a community greater than the sum of it's parts. Our NDA community has certainly proven to be more powerful together over these last several weeks than any one of us alone.

Our faculty and staff have been nothing short of amazing throughout the transition to Remote Learning @ NDA. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and commitment to our students. I guess that's one more silver lining we've seen during the COVID-19 crisis - gratitude. We have come to appreciate not just the little things, but the important things and the important people in our lives. We are very grateful to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. This morning we had a virtual faculty/staff meeting and I would like to leave you with the prayer of gratitude that we shared at the beginning of our meeting.

Have a great week - stay safe and healthy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Good and Gracious God,

We thank you for the beautiful weather over the past week - the sun and the refreshing rain.

We thank you for the signs of new life that are blooming all around us.

We thank you for the extra family time we have been experiencing.

We thank you for the creative ways we have been able to connect with family, friends and the community.

We thank you for the many people who are working the frontlines during this crisis, setting aside their own safety for the good of the many.

We thank you for all the many blessings that perhaps had been taken for granted but are now acknowledged.

We ask you to help us continue to recognize these blessings and to seek out ways to celebrate all our students and their many accomplishments as we draw close to the end of another school year.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bridget Price, Campus Minister

CONGRATULATIONS!



Grace Caccavari



Molly Kleier

2020 Notre Dame Academy Outstanding Graduates

Grace Caccavari & Molly Kleier ◀

We are pleased and honored to announce the recipients of the SND Distinguished Graduate Award. Today Sr. Mary Ethel Parrot, SND Provincial presented this award online to Grace Caccavari and Molly Kleier. The following citation explains the significance of this award that was given to these most deserving students.

SND Distinguished Graduate Award

The SND Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes graduates in schools sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame who are outstanding witnesses to the values underlying Notre Dame education. The recipient of the award must be an accomplished student who is outstanding in her care and respect for others. She exemplifies that she values her relationship with God and lives Gospel values in her daily life, as is evident from outreach and service. She is a leader in her involvements and in the way she lives her life.

The recipient receives a medal, ordinarily to be worn at the public graduation ceremony. One side of the medal bears the inscription “Sisters of Notre Dame” above the SND coat of arms. On the reverse side, the SND logo is surrounded by the words “Distinguished Graduate Award.” At Notre Dame Academy, this medal is recognized as the highest honor and is usually the last award presented at the final assembly.

The names of the recipients are recorded each year in a book at the SND international headquarters in Rome. It is placed on an altar dedicated to Sister Maria Aloysia, an outstanding educator who founded the Sisters of Notre Dame in Coesfeld, Germany. Graduates are welcome to view the book if they have the good fortune to visit Rome.

▶ 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](#).



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 \(CDC\)](#)

FREE RESOURCES ◀

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

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

RELAXATION & MUSIC MEDITATION ◀

[NPR TINY DESK CONCERTS](#)

[MUSIC MEDITATION](#)

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](#).

EXCELLENT APPS ◀

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

DADDY DAUGHTER DUET - THE PRAYER ◀

Listen to this beautiful rendition of "The Prayer" [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.

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! A Check out mass-online.org.



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>



NDA STUDENT COUNCIL

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!

[ACCESS FINAL FORMS INFO HERE.](#)

STU-CO ELECTIONS ◀

Congratulations to the Student Council Class Co-Presidents for the 2020-2021 school year:

Senior Co-Presidents

Claire Dunham
Emma Summe

Junior Co-Presidents

Ellie Joyce
Caroline Muck

Sophomore Co-Presidents

Kendall Hemsath
Lily Sassler

STU-CO NEWS: ◀

Congratulations to NDA's Student Council who earned the National Council of Excellence Gold Award for the fourth 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 2020 National Gold Council of Excellence by National of Student Council (NatStuCo). 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.

"Receiving a National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program," said Nara Lee, National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Director of Student Leadership. "NatStuCo applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and communities."

Mr. VonHandorf says Student Council "consistently looks at ways to engage the student body, generate school spirit, bring about positive change and reinforce the mission and vision of our school." This has been especially evident as Student Council members work to build community when learning from home.

To meet the requirements for the National Council of Excellence Award, a student council must meet a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, the councils have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community. Councils awarded the gold level of the award have successfully demonstrated the highest levels of leadership. Way to go, StuCo!





CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Optional Prayer Gatherings

On Wednesdays you are invited to join together (on Google meets) to pray a decade of the rosary. We will offer this 2 times. Just log on if you are available and join us. Links are listed below.

[8:45 a.m. - decade of the rosary](#)

[2:00 p.m. - decade of the rosary](#)

Outreach Ideas While Social Distancing

Service is an important component of an NDA education even when we are quarantined and social distancing. NDA's Campus Minister has put together a list of outreach ideas while social distancing that you can find [HERE](#). Go make a difference Pandas!



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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS ◀

It was wonderful to see our seniors on Friday when they picked up their caps and gowns! Here are a few senior reminders for this week:

- **SURPRISE!** Your last day of school is Tuesday, May 12! We hope you enjoy the privilege of getting out of school a few days early!
- **Senior Send Off** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13. More details to follow.
- **Graduation Pictures:** Each senior family is asked to submit two photos by May 1, 2020.
- **Baccalaureate Mass** - The Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Senior Celebration** - July 2020 - Details regarding the events of this weekend will follow at a later date.

For more information/updates regarding graduation activities [CLICK HERE](#).



OPTIME FACTUM, DISCIPULAE! ◀

All levels of classes in NDA's Latin program took the National Latin Exam last month in early March. The 53 students who took the exam earned a total of 18 awards for NDA: 4 silver medals, 9 magna cum laude, 4 cum laude, and 1 certificate of merit. Thousands of high school Latin students around the country take the National Latin Exams annually. They are administered and scored through the American Classical League.

Earning awards for Latin is particularly challenging, because the standard for each level of award is not based on a fixed number of correctly answered questions, but is determined competitively each year based on students' scores compared with the scores of all of the other students from around the United States. Our students who won awards surpassed the national average scores at their level of test, some of them by a considerable amount, in order to earn awards.

maxima cum laude - silver medal

Rachel Finke (Latin 1)
Natalye Nguyen (Latin 1)
Martine Hue (Latin 1)
Anna Meade (Latin 1)

magna cum laude - certificate

Lindsey Carothers (Latin 1)
Elizabeth Smith (Latin 1)
Elaina Downes (Latin 1)
Abby Klesa (Latin 1)
Taylor Diebold (Latin 1)
Kira Kent (Latin 1)
Ana Kothandram (Latin 2)
Claire Hulett (Latin 2)
Josie Kleman (Latin 2)

cum laude - certificate

Bella Marita (Latin 1)
Abby Porter (Latin 1)
Isabelle Minning (Latin 1)
Sarah Topmiller (Latin 2)

Congratulor vobis! Congratulations!

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BUY YOUR

Yearbook

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.jos-tens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/.



BAMBOOTIQUE SALE! ◀

Looking for a graduation gift for a graduating senior or incoming freshman? You can shop at NDA's online Bambootique for your favorite Panda and receive **20% off all purchases over \$10** through the end of June. You can access the online Bambootique [HERE](#).

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 webstern@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](#).



**ORTHO CINCY
NOTRE DAME
ACADEMY**
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 COLOR GUARD ◀

Anyone interested in performing in ColorGuard at CCH home football games for the 20-21 season please contact Ms. Jen Ericson at ericsonj@ndapandas.org or Mr. Greg Cerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



AP EXAMS ◀

Students taking AP Exams

[Important AP Exam Updates](#)

Contact Ms. Burgei @ burgeik@ndapandas.org if you have questions about AP Exam Dates.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

[HERE](#) are some good resources for parents and students during this challenging time.

2020 Scholarship Contest Date Changes



NEW DATES FOR ENTRIES

DRUG FREE CLUB NEWS ◀

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.**

Important Information from Drug Free Club

Since DFCA is unable to reach its goal of randomized drug testing percentages before school buildings closed early for the year, they are building at-home test kits. These will be sent directly to the parents/guardians of any student whose name would have been drawn through the randomizer software to be tested at school. These kits will include test cups along and informational and instructive documents for the parent/guardian if he or she wishes to administer one of these tests at home, on their own. Results will NOT be reported to anyone. This will be a way for parents to have yet another discussion with their students regarding substance use, even if they choose not to use the at-home kit. This is simply another prevention tool that DFCA is providing to members and their families as part of the program.



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!

Sr. Dennise Wagenlander:
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859-630-0185

Margie Schnelle:
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859-392-8229

Jodee McElfresh:
jmcelfresh@sndky.org
859-392-8228



SAVE THE DATE! ◀

We are all going to be ready for a safe social occasion by October! 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.



Schrudde and Zimmerman

Schrudde and Zimmerman

Schrudde & Zimmerman, Inc. was founded in 1965. The company's line of business includes the construction of nonresidential buildings. Our main lines of business include: Building Alterations, General Contractors. Schrudde & Zimmerman, Inc. has been listed in the Blue Book since 1998.

► Important dates

April 20 - May 15

Remote Learning @ NDA 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

May 6

May crowning

May 11

AP exams begin online

May 12

Last day of classes for seniors!

May 13

Senior Send Off!

May 15

Last day of 2019-20 school year