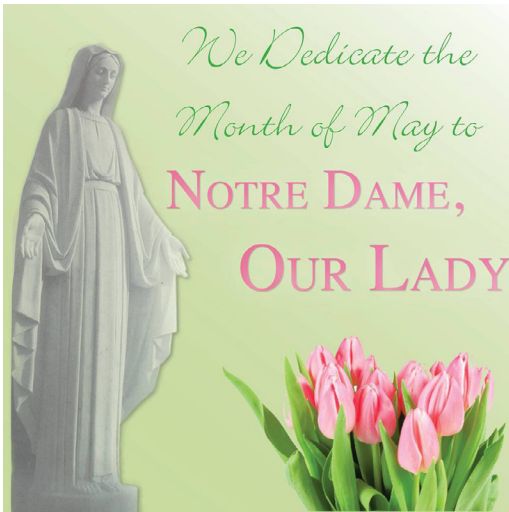




An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀



Dear Parents,

As a school rooted in the traditions of the Sisters of Notre Dame and dedicated to Mary, we honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May. Mary serves as a role model for everyone in our NDA community. Her perfect love of God above all things is truly inspiring. Through our theme of *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*, we are called to say "Yes" to God's plan like Mary did - even when that is challenging or difficult to understand. Our annual May Crowning celebration was scheduled to take place on May 3 however, due to rain, it was rescheduled for May 13. I look forward to sharing pictures of this special event with you in a couple of weeks.

This week is Teacher/Staff appreciation week at NDA so I want to offer a big THANK YOU to the wonderful members of our faculty and staff. We have a number of fun things planned for them this week to let them know how appreciated they are here at Notre Dame Academy. They have definitely stepped up to keep our students engaged in meaningful learning throughout this unprecedented school year!

Please note that senior exams will take place May 20, 21 and 24 and exams for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take place May 24, 25 and 26. I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter. This can be a stressful time and we encourage students to support one another and make healthy choices to reduce stress. You can find links to the exam schedules in the Counseling and Student Services section below as well as information about how to help your student with test anxiety.

I would like to thank our parents who took the time to participate in one of our Presidential Search Parent Input Sessions this week. It is very important that our presidential search firm gathers input from all NDA stakeholders throughout the search process. To that end, parents will have an additional opportunity to offer their thoughts and ideas on our search for a new president in an upcoming online survey. Please be on the lookout for an email from NDA in the next week or so as more information regarding the search process and the parent survey link will be sent to our parents soon.

It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. Have great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION

Learn More >>

NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

REMEMBER, the [NDA COVID-19 Information page](#) on the website has many important resources for parents and students.

IMPORTANT UPDATES ◀

The Diocesan COVID-19 Committee has reviewed the recent guidance from the Governor's office and the CDC regarding the use of **masks outdoors**. They have updated their guidance with the following changes:

- Masks are no longer required when students or staff are outdoors. This includes recess, PE and other outdoor school activities.
- Student athletes and coaches are no longer required to wear masks at outdoor athletic activities.
- Spectators are no longer required to wear masks at outdoor sporting events.
- For outdoor sports, concession stand workers do not have to wear masks as long as they can distance from other workers.

The [Diocese of Covington COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#) document has been updated with these changes.

ALSO: If a student is absent due to an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, that will be considered an Excused Absence. If a student misses school due to side effects from the vaccine - that will also be considered an Excused Absence. The Excused Absence form will NOT need to be filled out however, students will need to provide medical documentation and/or a copy of their CDC vaccination card to 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 for the absence to be excused.

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



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, May 5, we have had 0 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We currently only have student who has reported an exposure to COVID-19. As per our requirements, that student is 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.

STUDENT LIFE



OUT OF UNIFORM DAY: **TOMORROW!** TO SUPPORT SND 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL ◀

Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel are hosting an out of uniform day **tomorrow, May 6**, for any student who purchases a \$5 raffle ticket for the Sisters of Notre Dame July 4 Festival!



The raffle is part of the Sisters of Notre Dame Fourth of July Festival that the Sisters have been holding annually since 1922. It is a day they celebrate with their friends and families while supporting SND ministries near and far. Due to the continued worldwide COVID-19 outbreak, the Sisters have made the decision not to host an in-person Festival on July 4, 2021 therefore, the raffle is a very important part of the success of this year's festival.

For just \$5 per ticket, we can help the Sisters reach their goal of \$100,000, get an out of uniform day and a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket as they enter school tomorrow. Parents can purchase additional raffle tickets from the school office.

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION ◀

Senior Awards Ceremony

This year's Senior Awards Ceremony will take place at Receptions in Erlanger on the morning of Graduation, May 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Each student is permitted to invite two parents to attend. Seniors dress up for this event wearing attire that adheres to our school's dress code. Breakfast will be served and guests will be seated 6 per table (two families per table). Reservations are required for this event, and the link will be emailed to parents. Reservations are \$30 for each guest (graduates do not need to pay) and due Monday, May 17 at 12:00 noon.

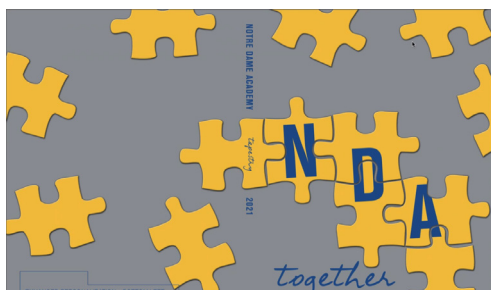
Graduation Event Information

Further information regarding graduation and senior events will be posted on our website [HERE](#) as the information becomes available.



YEARBOOK NEWS! ◀

The 2021 yearbook, Together, is on sale now at jostens.com. Everyone who orders by May 15 (including those who have already ordered) will be automatically entered in a drawing for a free 2022 yearbook! Books are \$70 and will be ready for fall delivery.





Notre Dame Academy has
 Music Something Fun Drama
 for everyone this summer!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

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

Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

We continue to pray a decade of the rosary every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:40 a.m. in the chapel. All students and faculty/staff members are welcome to join us.

We will celebrate the Eucharistic in our *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel this Friday at 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Check out the Deal of the Week - All masks: \$1! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 5K PANDA PROWL

Thank You!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Panda Prowl. It would not have been a successful fundraiser without your support!



PANDA PROWL





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, May 7.

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](#).



ENJOY THE SHOW! ◀

Start popping your popcorn! The NDA/CCH Theatre Department's film of *Little Women the Broadway Musical* is available to view VIDEO ON DEMAND starting this Friday, May 7 through Sunday, May 16. Please follow this link to purchase your ticket, view the program, and watch the show.

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/47694>

SUPPORT NDA THROUGH AMAZONSMILE ◀

If you shop on Amazon, you should know about AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is sign up [HERE](#) and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to Notre Dame Academy! Thanks for supporting NDA!



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.

SUMMER CAMPS



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| Archery - 6/7 - 6/9 grades 4th- 9th | \$75 |
| Basketball - 6/14 - 6/17 grades 3rd - 9th | \$95 |
| Cross Country - 6/7 - 6/10 grades 1st - 9th | \$65 |
| Soccer - 6/15 - 6/17 grades 1st- 5th | \$65 |
| Soccer - 6/22 - 6/24 grades 6th - 9th | \$65 |
| Tennis - 6/14 - 6/17 grades 4th - 9th | \$105 |
| Volleyball - 7/13 - 7/15 grades 3rd -4th | \$65 |
| Volleyball - 7/13 - 7/16 grades 5th -9th | \$95 |

Registration Now Open



SIGN UP FOR A SUMMER CAMP TODAY! ◀

Registration is now open for all of NDA's Summer Athletic Camps! These camps are filling up quickly so if you are interested, register online [HERE](#) today!

LIFE SIZE CUTOUTS

This life size cutout of your student athlete is a great way to honor our Panda athletes!
Use it at Senior nights, graduation parties and more!



Order by May 13th and you can get your cutout by May 28th for any summer graduation parties!

LIFE SIZE PANDA CUTOUTS! ◀

Get a life size cutout of your student for \$150 NDA golf outing sponsorship. It's a great way to honor your Panda athletes !

Use it at Senior nights, graduation parties and more! Order by May 13 and you can get your cutout by May 28 for any summer graduation parties!

To order your cutout today, head to [NDA's website](#) and download the sponsorship form at the bottom of the page. Fill it out and send it in to the front office. Someone will reach out to get the picture for the cutout!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



HELPING YOUR STUDENT WITH TEST ANXIETY ◀

Exams can cause a lot of stress and anxiety in students. This is not abnormal - particularly since we haven't experienced exams for quite some time at NDA. It is also good to recognize that some stress is good.

As a parent, you can help by encouraging healthy habits now, such as eating breakfast and getting a good night's sleep. Waiting to emphasize these activities until the night before the test can lead to more stress. Another positive way to help is to assist your student in learning how to manage their stress. Thinking they will be entirely stress free if they are doing everything right is unrealistic and so learning to manage the stress by helping your student to relax, or set a study schedule is more valuable. To learn more, check out this article from the [New York Times](#).



SCHEDULING UPDATES ◀

- The last day to change a College Prep or Honors class for next year is May 14. No student/parent initiated schedule changes will be made in the summer. There is a two week window at the start of the school year to try and make a change if the schedule allows.
- The last day to change an AP class for next year is May 28. This is a hard deadline and we will not be able to drop an AP class in the first 2 weeks of school.
- The schedule is not complete yet and counselors will be trying to resolve conflicts in the next few weeks of school. This may mean that a student will need to choose another course in order for her schedule to work.



EXAM UPDATES ◀

- Seniors will have exams on May 20, 21 and 24. The schedule and other exam info is attached [here](#).
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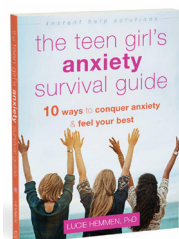
RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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

Ten strategies to help you cope with anxious thoughts and feelings in healthy ways. You'll learn all about 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 you cultivate a more positive outlook on life.

EXAM UPDATES





GREEN DOT AT NDA ◀

NDA's Green Dot Club hosted a Clothing Drive from March 22-31 to raise money for the Women's Crisis Center! Co-Presidents Ava Alexander and Gracie Dorning took the clothing to Plato's Closet to convert the donated clothes into cash! On May 3, a total of \$1,321.55 was presented to the Women's Crisis Center. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



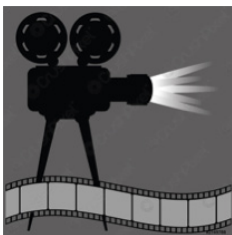
PANDIVERSITY! ◀

For April's "Celebrate Diversity Month," NDA's Pandaversity club posted a large Map of the World in the first floor hallway. Everyone was invited to place a Panda sticker where they and/or their family had come from. (If you zoom in, you can see all the stickers!) It was interesting to see how diverse our Panda community is and that our families have origins on 6 continents (all but Antarctica)!



MAY IS ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH ◀

Pandaversity has decorated the display case with personal items from students, flags from Asia's 48 countries, and Fun Facts! There is also a rolling Slide Show in the CLC highlighting American women of Asian and Pacific Island descent, their achievements, and the contributions they have made to our country and to our world.



DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Drug Free Club conducted drug testing and rewarded almost 70 students on Monday, May 3! Congratulations to our Drug Free Pandas! Keep making good choices! We will be sponsoring a **MOVIE NIGHT** on the soccer field on **Saturday, May 15 at 8:45 p.m.** The movie is still TBD, but will be **FREE** for all who want to come have a good time! We will be selling snacks and drinks but ask that everyone please bring their own blanket to sit upon for comfort and social distancing!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S TWENTIETH ANNUAL

Women Making A Difference

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

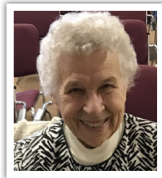
NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION & NETWORKING

12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Honoring Notre Dame Academy Alumnae for the contributions they
have made to their families, their communities, and beyond.

2021 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES



Sister Mary Paul Ann
Hanneken, SND
1950



Sister Mary Rachel
Nerone, SND
1954



Sister Mary Janet
Stamm, SND
1958



Annie Faragher
Bennett
1966



Sharon Bosch Foster
1983

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO

<https://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/women-making-a-difference.aspx>

OR please mail the enclosed reservation card, along with payment, to:

NOTRE DAME ADVANCEMENT OFFICE, 1699 HILTON DRIVE, PARK HILLS, KY 41011

WMAD 2021 ◀

Please join us at NDA's *Women Making A Difference Award Luncheon 2021* on Thursday, June 3, the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. We will honor 5 Notre Dame Academy alumnae for the contributions they have made to their families, their communities and beyond. You can make your reservation online [HERE](#). **PLEASE NOTE:** COVID-19 safety protocols will be strictly followed at this event to ensure the health and safety of our guests. Also, networking will be confined to your table.



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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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.



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Help Wanted
- Youth Day Rosary and Mass
- Music and Cross-Curricular Summer Workshops & Course Offerings for Immanuel School of Music
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

▶ Important dates

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| May 3 - 7 | Happy Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week! |
| May 7 | Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Little Women Broadway musical available to view showtix4u.com |
| May 9 | Mother's Day |
| May 10 | Textiles quilt show in the evening |
| May 11 | Senior Academic Signing (Students in Theatre/Live-stream) |
| May 13 | May Crowning Faculty Send Off |
| May 14 | HR Elections |
| May 18 | Academic Awards |
| May 19 | Senior Luncheon/Senior Send off |
| May 20 | Senior Exams begin |
| May 24 | Exams begins |
| May 27 | Cleaning Day Baccalaureate Mass |
| May 28 | SR Awards at Receptions Graduation at NKYCC |