



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

This morning we had our last faculty/staff meeting of the 2020-21 school year. Our Campus Minister, Mrs. Bridget Price, always begins these meetings with a prayer that she often writes herself. For today's meeting, I asked her to try to include the line, "We made it," and as you can see below, she did a wonderful job not only including that statement in her prayer but also capturing the sentiment of our last faculty/staff meeting of this very challenging academic year.

In this morning's meeting, Dr. Koehl gave our faculty and staff an update of our strategic plan - *Building Leaders Through Transformative Education*. It was great to hear all that we have accomplished this year as a school community in Dr. Koehl's 2020-21 Initiatives Update. We will continue to work hard to reach our goals and complete our work on the initiatives of this strategic plan during the 2021-22 school year.

Also at this morning's meeting, I shared a couple of nice comments about NDA that I recently heard including one from the representatives of our presidential search firm. When they concluded their visit last week, they were very complimentary of what they learned about Notre Dame Academy. They talked about the warm welcome they received and how impressed they were with our students, faculty, staff and parents. Our Catholic identity and the excellence that is so much a part of what we do at NDA was very evident to them. What struck me as most interesting though was a comment they made about the culture at NDA. They said that the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame was "in the walls" at our school. They remarked how unique it is that even with the dwindling number of Sisters present at NDA, we continue to operate with the strong mission and vision handed down to us from the Sisters of Notre Dame. I think that is what makes Notre Dame Academy so special. The influence of the Sisters of Notre Dame on our community is so critical to how we educate the young women of NDA and will always remain central to who we are as a school.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our students, parents, faculty and staff for the great work we have accomplished together this year. I am very proud of the way we have been flexible, adaptable and creative in *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love!*

Please encourage your daughter to finish strong and make healthy choices during these next few days leading up to exams.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Lord,

We Made it! It has been a year of challenges, changes and moments of exhaustion, but we made it! We are grateful for the many opportunities of growth that you have provided us throughout this past school year. We are grateful for the "normal" moments that have weaved their way in here and there. We are grateful for the sparks of creativity that You provided to reach our students in a year when everything needed to be different.

Despite the challenges, changes and exhaustion, it has been a year of great blessing as well. We have been blessed with the support of colleagues, administrators, parents and students to provide in-person learning for the majority of the year. We have been blessed with all school gatherings be that in-person or virtual. We have been blessed with opportunities to give back to the larger community.

We made it! We ask for enthusiasm as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, especially our seniors. We ask for focus as we wrap up the 2020-21 school year. We ask for your peace as we look forward to a summer of rest and rejuvenation. We Made it, Lord for which we are grateful.

Amen.

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.

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 12, we have had 1 reported case of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We also currently only have students who have reported an exposure 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.

STUDENT LIFE



MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

For your dedication, perseverance, creativity and adaptability, we congratulate the 130 members of Notre Dame Academy's Class of 2021. You have been selected as this month's Student of the Month!

UNIFORMS FOR 2021-2022 ◀

Get ready for the next school year and looking to purchase new uniform pieces? Visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase.

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events



Good Luck!

STUDENT COUNCIL HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES ◀

Good luck to our current freshmen through juniors who are running for Homeroom Representative for the 2020-2021 school year. Elections will take place this Friday during homeroom.

CLASS OF 2021 INFORMATION



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 9:00 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 can be made [HERE](#). 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.

NDA/CCH COMBINED EVENT AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM ◀

This Friday, seniors from NDA and CCH will gather at Paul Brown Stadium. The formal event will include dinner, music, entertainment, Who Dey and the crowning of Prom Court. Doors open for the event at 7:30 p.m., and all students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. for the onset of dinner service. Seniors can leave as early as 10:30 p.m. as the event concludes at 11:00 p.m.

The Class of 2021 has identified this as a formal event, and attire should adhere to NDA's dress code which includes the following:

- Neckline should be high enough to avoid showing cleavage. A modesty panel may be necessary.
- Length of outfit/dress should extend beyond fingertips when arms fully extended (this includes slits at any place on the dress).
- Back of dress should not extend below the back curvature.
- Cut outs in dress are not permitted on areas typically covered by dress (midriff, chest area, etc); a mesh lining or otherwise appropriate fabric could be sewn in to address this issue.
- Sides of dress should properly cover the chest area.
- Masks must be worn throughout the evening except when outdoors and when eating or drinking at your table.

Parking is included in the cost of this event, and passes were handed out during homeroom yesterday. Directions for the parking garage are also included on the pass. Have fun Class of 2021!





ENJOY THE SHOW THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 16! ◀

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.

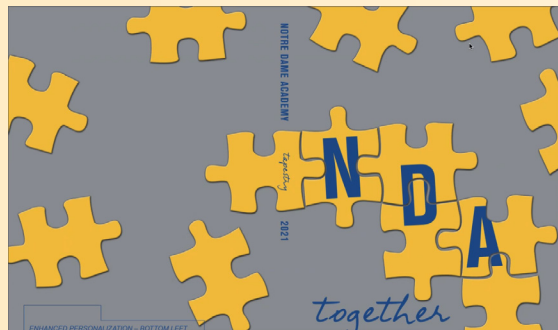
<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/47694>

BUY NOW FOR A CHANCE AT GETTING NEXT YEAR'S FREE! ◀

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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS! ◀

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. **The deadline for senior recognition ads is May 31.** 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/



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Check out the Deal of the Week - These t-shirts are on sale for \$8.00 - they were originally \$12.00! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](http://bambootique.com).

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!



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



Spring Concert 2021!



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](#).

Learn a band instrument this summer!



All students grades 7-12 are welcome to join us this summer to learn a band instrument for FREE!

**Come join us and be a part of the
CCH/NDA Beginners Band Summer '21**

No prior experience needed!

Rehearse: Tues. & Thurs. 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.
June 1 - July 15 at school

Contact Information:

Director: Mr. Greg Cerimele
NDA Email: cerimeleg@ndapandas.org
CCH Email: gcerimele@covcath.org

If you already play a band or string instrument be sure to contact Mr. Cerimele so that you will receive updates regarding Summer Rehearsals

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.



SECTIONAL CHAMPS! ◀

The Varsity Tennis Pandas won their team sectional tournament last weekend in Lexington. They defeated Lexington Christian Academy in the first round 4-1. Then played Boyle County and won 4-1 to advance to the championship round. In the championship match, they had a huge 4-1 win against Lexington Catholic HS, a team they lost to 2-3 earlier in the season. Congrats girls and good luck in the regional tournament next week!

LACROSSE NEWS ◀

Lacrosse plays in the a regional tournament this week with hope to advance!

CONGRATS TO THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER WINTER SPORTS ALL STARS! ◀

Lacey Bradshaw was named to the 1st team basketball team and is joined by teammates Macie Feldman, Noelle Hubert, and Jillian McKnight on the Honorable Mention List

Lainey Kruger was named the Swimmer of the Year and was also named to the first team along with teammate Riley Quinn.

You can read more [HERE](#).



ATHLETIC SIGNING ◀

The athletic signing will take place on Monday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the gym.

SUMMER CAMPS



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!



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 14.

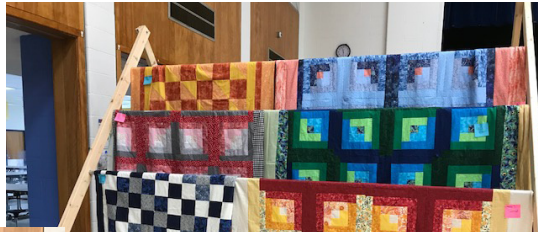
IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS ◀

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](#).



TEXTILES QUILT SHOW ◀

Congratulations to our Textiles students and their teacher, Mrs. Pat Brennan, on a very successful Quilt Show this past weekend!





Important
Scheduling
Reminders

EXAM UPDATES

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](#).
- Freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have exams on May 24, 25 and 26. The schedule and other exam info is attached [here](#).

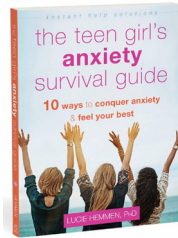
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH ◀

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and according to statistics from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 17% of youth aged 6–17 experience a mental health condition. It is helpful for youth and their parents to know they are not alone in their mental health struggle. Seeking additional support for a mental health condition is common, although many still suffer in silence. Please check out the [NAMI website here](#) for more resources or email Mrs. Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org for local mental health resources.

Check out this activity [calendar](#) for fun, supportive activities you can do with the whole family to support mental health!

SUMMER ACT PREP ◀

Torchprep is offering some in person, virtual and digital on demand prep options for this summer for the ACT. For more information, please visit their [website](#).



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

[NDA PARENT TOOLBOX](#)

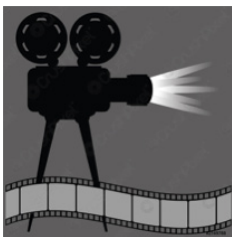
[The Teen Girl's Anxiety Survival Guide: 10 Ways to Conquer Anxiety and Feel Your Best](#), by Lucy Hemmen

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.



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!

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Pro-Life Event for Teens
- Friday night Pound and Unplugged
- Youth Day Rosary and Mass
- Music and Cross-Curricular Summer Workshops & Course Offerings for Immanuel School of Music
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

Women Making A Difference



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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

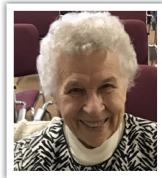
NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

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.



SEVEN HILLS
**Women's Health
 Centers**

[Seven Hills Women's Health Centers](#), a physician owned medical practice, is the leader in women's health care in the tri-state area. Our providers offer compassionate and comprehensive women's health care for women of all ages. With 12 physicians, 2 midwives and 2 nurse practitioners serving the Northern Kentucky community across three convenient office locations, our care is easily accessible. Visit us at womenshealthcenters.com to find a provider near you. We're proud to support the Notre Dame Academy. Several of our physicians and their daughters are part of the NDA family!

Dr. Emily Woeste, 1994
 Dr. Meredith Donnelly, 1995
 Jeanne Setters, APRN, 1982
 Liz Kirkwood Adair, 1998
 Rachel Kirkwood, 2002
 Kelsey Darpel, 2011
 Kendall Darpel, 2014

Emma Jacobs, 2014
 Emily Jackson, 2016
 Caroline Jackson, 2018
 Paige Donnelly, 2022
 Addy Woeste, 2022
 Ava Jacobs, 2023
 Kimberly Woeste, 2024

► Important dates

May 13	May Crowning Faculty Send Off
May 14	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. HR Elections NDA/CCH combined prom at Paul Brown Stadium
May 17	Examfest Cafeteria and Auditorium 3-4 p.m.
May 18	Examfest Cafeteria and Auditorium 3-4 p.m. Academic Awards in Gym
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
June 3	Women Making A Difference Luncheon