



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

You should have received an email from Notre Dame Academy earlier this afternoon about a situation that took place today at NDA. At approximately 12:45 p.m. we were alerted by local police of a suspicious person in the area. As is our protocol, we immediately put NDA on lock-down securing our building and everyone at NDA from any external threat. Within 10 minutes we received an “all clear” message from local police and they informed us that the suspicious person had been apprehended. We then ended the lock-down and continued with our day at NDA.

Although we are near the end of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our priority is always the safety and well being of our students, faculty and staff. Our goal is to provide a safe learning environment where all students can feel secure and be productive in their studies. Please be assured that we are vigilant in ensuring the safety of our campus at all times.

As you will see in the pages below, we have been very busy at Notre Dame Academy in this beautiful month of May. From May Crown-ing to academic and athletic signings, academic awards, send-off celebrations and the senior/faculty volleyball game, it's been quite a week! I hope you enjoy seeing a bit of the “normal” we have been able to return to this week. It is so good to see the smiling faces of our students when we are at the events being held outdoors.

Although we have had a bit of normalcy recently, we are continuing to stay the course with our COVID-19 mitigation strategies at NDA. We realize that while the numbers are going down - we are still in the fight against COVID-19. It is wonderful to see the data that the vaccines are doing their job and in light of that, we would like to offer our students and their parents an opportunity to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, especially now that it is available for people 12 years of age and older. We will be hosting a **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: COVID-19 VACCINE** next Wednesday, May 26 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at NDA. We will also live stream the event for members of our community who do not wish to attend in person. **PLEASE NOTE:** whether you are attending in-person or virtually, you must register for the session [HERE](#). You can also submit questions you have about the vaccine in regard to students receiving it when you register for the event.

I can't believe we only have two more weeks of this school year. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. It is an honor and a privilege.

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.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: COVID-19 VACCINE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

The session will be hosted in-person and live streamed.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for both.

Our students and parents have many questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, now available for people 12 years old and older.

In line with our mission, we are bringing together a team of NDA alumnae in the medical field to educate our community about the COVID-19 vaccine and answer their questions pertaining to students receiving the vaccine - including how students can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

This **Parent Information Session: COVID-19 VACCINE** will take place in-person at NDA and will be live streamed online. [PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#) to attend in-person OR online. You can also submit questions to be answered by our panel of alumnae medical professionals at the session.

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



IMPORTANT UPDATES ◀

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

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 19, we have had 2 reported case of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We also currently 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 COUNCIL NEWS ◀

Congrats to the newly elected! Next year's Student Council Homeroom Representatives are:

Rising Sophomores:

Claire Coppage
Sophia Ernst
Sophia Graham
Sophia Franxman
Sam Spellman
Jackeline Otto

Rising Juniors:

Chelsea Collins
Izzy Cook
Hailey Fullenkamp
Ellie Greenwell
Jada Kramer
Abby Unkraut

Rising Seniors:

Elana Bruns
Paige Donnelly
Reagan Heitker
Kate McBride
Ella Schulte
Lee Warnecke
Cam Welch

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



2021-2022 CALENDAR ◀

[CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Google calendar which is accessible through the school's website.



NDA HONORS PATRONESS AT ANNUAL MAY CROWNING ◀

Last Thursday we gathered as a community to honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother, at our annual May Crowning ceremony. As is the NDA tradition, the honor of Crowning May goes to a senior. All seniors were invited to submit a reflection about the Blessed Mother and how they have viewed her as a role model.

This year the honor of crowning Mary went to Jenna Danneman with the honor of carrying Mary's crown in procession going to Rachel Young and the honor of carrying flowers for Mary going to Margaret Garner.

All three of these young women showed great devotion and appreciation for the Blessed Mother in their reflections. You can read Jenna Danneman's reflection at the link below.

<https://www.ndapandas.org/.../14/nda-honors-patroness.aspx>

Another special part of NDA's May Crowning ceremony is the blessing and distribution of the Miraculous Medal to all freshman, new students and new faculty members. The medals are given to the new members of our community from the Sisters of Notre Dame.





FACULTY/STAFF SEND-OFF ◀

The end of a school year is often bittersweet as we say goodbye to faculty and staff members who are retiring or moving on. This year is certainly no exception with so many longtime members of our community who are retiring. Mr. Ron Greife and Mrs. Mary Ann Greife have collectively served at NDA for over 90 years!

Kelly Burgei
Terri Perrino
Pat Brennan
Tom Richmond
Ron Greife
Mary Ann Greife
Sister Paul Ann Hanneken
Sister Mary Rachel Nerone
Dr. Laura Koehl



We would like to thank everyone who is moving on in some way and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Please note that while Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel are retiring from their role managing our Work Study Program at NDA, they will still live on the fourth floor and maintain an office on the first floor at NDA so students will still be able to share a friendly hello with them each day!



Also, while our students bid farewell to Dr. Koehl at this time, she will not take on her role as Executive Director of the SND National Sponsorship and Network Office and Chief Operating Officer of the National Ministry Corporation until September 1. Until then, Dr. Koehl will continue to advance the mission of NDA in her role as President of Notre Dame Academy.





2020-21 ACADEMIC AWARDS ◀

Last evening our community celebrated the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at NDA at our 44th Academic Awards Ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and incoming freshmen were recognized at the event.

The large number of students present at this year's awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty. We congratulate the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents.

These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work!

CLASS OF 2020 ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

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!



CONGRATS!

NDA STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR ST. ELIZABETH'S M.O.O.N. PROGRAM ◀

Congratulations to Charlotte Sprecher, Maddie Payne, Megan Chun and Natalie Bessler on being chosen to participate in St. Elizabeth's MOON program for tri-state high school students. This year there were about 140 initial applicants - 40 of whom were selected for interviews and 20 of whom were selected for this year's class. It is quite an honor that 20% of the selected students are from NDA and a wonderful example of how our faculty and staff prepare our students for success in the classroom and growth opportunities outside the classroom.

In Charlotte Sprecher's case, it is also a great example of how well NDA's Alumnae Mentoring Program is working! Charlotte was paired with an NDA alumna who is an ER physician. This alumna was able to give Charlotte a great deal of valuable insight into the medical field. Charlotte's relationship with her NDA alumnae mentor gave her the confidence to apply to and be chosen for the the M.O.O.N. program.



PANDAS MAKING A DIFFERENCE! ◀

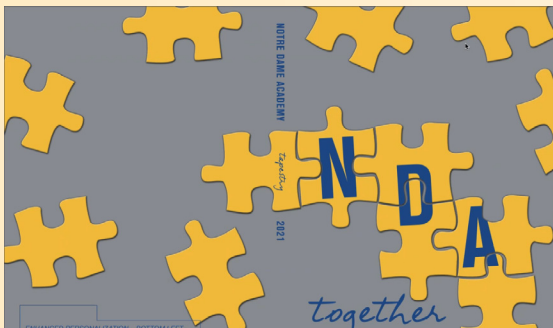
Life Club hosted a Baby Drive for Be Concerned and on Monday, Life Club President Olivia Voelker, along with her sister Ava and friend Millie, were able to bless this wonderful organization from the generosity of the NDA community! Thank you Pandas!

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](#).



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Check out the Deal of the Week - Sportwick jackets on sale for \$20.00! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).



FACULTY/SENIOR VOLLEYBALL! ◀

Yesterday our seniors took on our faculty in a friendly game of volleyball. Everyone was a winner and enjoyed the day so much that this might just become a traditional senior event!



CLASS OF 2021 INFORMATION



IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION ◀

Graduation Event Information

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



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!



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](#).

Registration is now open for the 2021 NDA/CCH Theatre Showcase Camp! Spots are available for students going into 3rd grade through students going into 9th grade. This theatre camp has something for everyone from singing and dancing, to acting, for all experience levels. This camp will provide your student with the gift of creativity, exploration, and self-confidence. Camp will take place from 9:30am-2:30pm on June 14th to 19th, the live Showcase performance will take place on Saturday, June 19th at 3pm. Sign up now [here](#)!



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](#).

SENIOR PARENTS - Please let Mrs. Brungs know if you would like a refund of the money in your daughter's lunch account or if you would like to have funds transferred to a younger student.



SCHOOLBELLES SALE ◀

Text "Schoolbelles" to 22828 to be added to Schoolbelles email list and be the first to know about upcoming sales and special store hours.

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.



ARCHERY NEWS ◀

Congratulations to Ella Weitzel, a junior, who was named to Regional 2nd Team in Archery!



TENNIS NEWS ◀

Once the rain subsided on Tuesday it was a great day to host the 9th Region Tennis Tournament at NDA. Congratulations to Martine Hue in singles, Lauren Janzauruk/Tayler Meenach and Samantha Bailey/Hailey Fullenkamp in doubles, all advancing on to the Quarterfinals. Regional Tennis action will continue this afternoon at NDA. Good Luck Tennis Pandas!

ATHLETIC SIGNING ◀

Congratulations to our athletic signing student athletes! These students are going to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level!

Pictured:

Emma Grace - volleyball, Xavier University
Iris Schuh - Soccer, University of Cincinnati
Sydney Schroder - Beach Volleyball, Florida Atlantic University
Alivia Kohus - Equestrian, Auburn University

Not pictured:

Haydon Ahlers - Volleyball Chowan University
Anna Long - Volleyball - Florida State University
Abigail Powers - Volleyball - Robert Morris University
Cate Scheper - Volleyball, Transylvania University



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!

LACROSSE NEWS ◀

Lacrosse had a great season but fell short this past Saturday in a hard fought loss. The Pandas advanced to the State Quarterfinals where they lost to a talented Eastern Louisville team. Congrats on a great season!



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 ◀



EXAM UPDATES

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS! ◀

- 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](#).



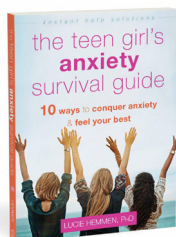
REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP WINNERS ◀

Notre Dame would like to recognize two of our students, Allison Belton and Hailey Fullenkamp, who were chosen to represent our school next year for The Regional Youth Leadership Program. This is a wonderful opportunity and honor for these students to work with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to develop leadership skills by visiting various community business partners for seminars.



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.

Alumnae Storyboard

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! The Alumnae Storyboard for end of this academic year features the Class of 2021 and you can access it [HERE](#).




YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S TWENTIETH ANNUAL
Women Making A Difference
AWARD LUNCHEON 2021
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



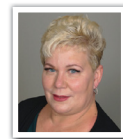
Sister Mary Rachel Nerone, SND
1954



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.



The Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) are consecrated women missioned in the Church to proclaim God's goodness and provident care. This mission knows no boundaries as SNDs minister around the world in education, healthcare, pastoral care, and social justice outreach. Notre Dame Academy is one of the Covington SNDs' sponsored ministries, along with St. Charles Community, St. Claire HealthCare, Notre Dame Urban Education Center, and Julie Learning Center. NDA students and families are invited to serve alongside the Sisters at their annual Pay It Forward Service Day on April 6. Keep in touch with the Sisters on facebook.com/sndky or twitter.com/SNDCovington.



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?

▶ Important dates

May 19	Senior Luncheon/Senior Send off
May 20	Senior Exams begin
May 21	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
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