



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I think I speak for everyone at NDA in saying that it has been great to see our students in person this week as they were allowed back into our school building to clean out their lockers and drop off and pick up items. We have missed the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our campus each day. I am incredibly proud of the way they handled the challenges of this past school year. Their smooth transition to Remote Learning @ NDA was nothing short of amazing.

While I'm sure they are all looking forward to summer, the next few months are going to bring about some unique challenges for our students as they try to social distance to slow the spread of COVID-19 and remain healthy. I am not concerned because as their principal, I am well aware of what these young women are capable of. They love nothing more than being together however, I know that they are selfless enough to sacrifice some of that closeness for the healthy and well being of those they love. They are intelligent and creative and I'm sure you will see many examples of that this summer as they find new ways to safely be with their friends. I hope and pray that they will make good choices these next couple of months and I can't wait to see them back at NDA in August.

Our leadership team has already begun meeting to initiate plans for next school year. We are looking at a couple of different options and will continue to develop a plan with the goal of keeping the health and safety of our students at the forefront. We will be in touch throughout the summer to relay the progress of our plans with you. You can read a bit more about our thoughts for next school year and find updated information this summer on Dr. Laura Koehl's President's Blog [HERE](#).

I would be remiss if I didn't take this last opportunity to wish our seniors well and congratulate our Class of 2020. As a class, they earned over \$16.6 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 50% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. Our recent graduates will be attending 43 different colleges and universities in 13 different states. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world! I would like to congratulate our valedictorian, Laura Neltner and our salutatorian, Becky Hammill, on their dedication to academic excellence. I would also like to congratulate our 2020 SND Distinguished Graduate Award recipients, Grace Caccavari and Molly Kleier. This is a well deserved honor as Grace and Molly are certainly outstanding witnesses to a Notre Dame Academy education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2019-20 school year such a success despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. I am amazed how willing our parents are to support our efforts at NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Cultivating Hope and Happiness, Strengthened by God's Love!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year. It is clear to me and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us. I look forward to seeing our students in August and I wish you and your family a healthy and blessed summer.

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

▶ 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! 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>

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ◀

If students were unable to drop off/pick up their items this week, they can do so tomorrow between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

UNIFORMS FOR 2020-2021 ◀

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

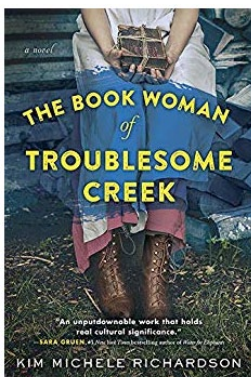
*NDA has added another navy blue crewneck sweatshirt to the dress code. These can be purchased directly through the Bambootique.



SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS ◀

Over the summer, NDA's faculty, staff and students will read our annual Common Reader Book. This year's book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson which focuses on the historical blue people of Kentucky and the fierce and brave Kentucky Packhorse librarians. The book touches on issues of miscegenation, bigotry, poverty, the Depression, Roosevelt's WPA program, domestic abuse and the self-empowerment of women in the early 20th century, and we look forward to celebrating this book and its many themes in the fall!

In addition to the Common Reader information, summer reading assignments are posted on NDA's website [HERE](#).



CLASS OF 2020 INFORMATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS & PARENTS ◀

- **Baccalaureate Mass** - The 2020 Baccalaureate Mass was live-streamed from the Cathedral on Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Seniors received a link to this year's Salutatorian Address by Becky Hammill and a special recording by NDA Honor Choir to view prior to the Baccalaureate Mass. You can find those videos here:
 - [Baccalaureate Mass](#)
 - [Salutatorian Address & Honor Choir Performance](#)
- **Friday's Diploma Distribution** - Friday is Graduation day for our Seniors! The Class of 2020 is invited to Notre Dame Academy's campus by car this Friday in order to receive their diplomas and other traditional graduation items. Faculty and staff will be on site to celebrate our graduates as they receive their diplomas, traditional rose bouquet, a special gift from our Alumnae Relations Office, a Class of 2020 Memory Book from our Publications class, a keepsake COVID-19 Class of 2020 Pandas mask and award certificates. Congratulations to the graduates!
- **Graduation Video** - At 4:00 p.m. on May 22, the Class of 2020 will receive a link to view a professionally prerecorded Graduation ceremony video. The virtual ceremony follows a traditional Notre Dame Academy commencement. There will be Pomp and Circumstance, speeches by Diocesan and NDA administrators, Senior Class Co-Presidents, and the Class of 2020 Valedictorian. Each graduate will be recognized and seen in her cap and gown. The link will be sent via email to senior students and parents. We look forward to celebrating each of the 126 young women in the Class of 2020. The NDA community is so very proud of their accomplishments and know they are well prepared to make a difference in our world!
- **Senior Celebration** - July 17-18, 2020 - We are planning a special weekend for NDA's class of 2020 in July. Details regarding the events of that weekend will follow at a later date.

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

CLASS OF 2020 ATHLETIC SIGNING ◀

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions in place, Notre Dame Academy is unable to host an athletic signing this year but we would still like to celebrate our incredible seniors. Please join us in congratulating our Class of 2020 seniors who have committed to continue their Athletic careers in college and the college they are attending.

[2020 Athletic Signing Designee List](#)

CLASS OF 2020 ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

We have a few updates to our [2020 Academic Signing Designee List](#) that was published last week:

Isabelle Bailey will be attending the University of Dayton

Katherine Joyce is attending Western Kentucky University

Rylee McCarthy is attending Oklahoma City University





Notre Dame Academy has

Art Athletics Music Something Fun Drama

for everyone this summer!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

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

THEATRE CAMP: NDA's Summer Theatre Camp, previously scheduled for June, has been cancelled. Refunds will be issued.

ART CAMPS:

Junior High Studio Art class is still going to happen this summer, same dates, same time, but the NEW limit on the class will be 15 students total.

The **High School Summer Studio Art Class** is still going to happen, the dates are the same and the times are the same, but we're incorporating some measures to ensure the safety of the students. We will be splitting the class into 2 sections, (Section A and Section B) and will be rotating the days when each section meets to limit the amount of students who are physically present in the studio. While one section is working in studio, the other section will be working from home giving each section 10 days in the studio, and 10 days working remotely. If any student or family is uncomfortable with being in the studio, we will also provide an option to complete the course entirely from home by offering live instruction, pre-recorded demos, and Google Meets during class where any student will have the opportunity for instruction.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eckerle at eckerlem@ndapan-das.org.

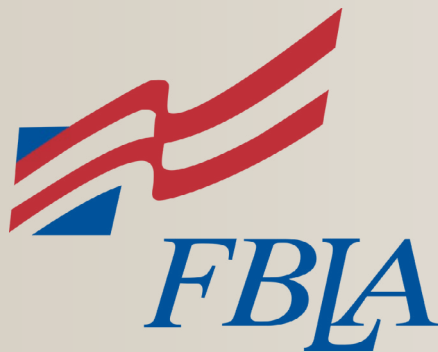
PANDAS QUALIFY FOR THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA NATIONAL COMPETITION! ◀

While the Future Business Leaders of America State Competition looked a little different this year, Panda success remained the same. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, for the first time in history, the FBLA State conference, usually held at Louisville's Galt House Hotel, was moved online.

Despite the new structure, the following students placed in the top three of their respective events and will be moving on to the National Conference, which was supposed to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 29th – July 2nd, but has now also moved online.

- **Noelle Cottingham, Isabelle Cottingham & Cathrine Ghazala** – 2nd Place – Sports Entertainment Management
- **Sara Nageleisen** – 3rd Place – Hospitality Management

And we would also like to express a big congratulations to the following FBLA members, **Sophia Ghazala, Bri Seibert, Phoebe Boyle, Isabelle Bailey, Sarah Woodrum, Olivia Games, Caitlin Neely, Kate Joyce, Ellie Joyce, Lexi Foust, Elena Bruns, and Alexis Durik**, on a fabulous year as well.



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](#).



BUY YOUR Yearbook

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER 2020 YEARBOOK ◀

June 5 is last day to pre order your daughter's 2020 yearbook! Order today here: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



SUMMER

PLEASE NOTE! 



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER! ◀

Students, here is a list of virtual camps going on this summer and ideas for doing college and career research! Check out these: [Summer 2020 Opportunities](#).

NDA NAVIANCE UPDATE! ◀

Students: *Naviance has changed their password requirements.* You will need to update your password to sign-in to Naviance. [Directions here!](#) Naviance is a great resource for college and career research! And you have access to it all summer!

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- May Resources for Parents: [HERE](#)
- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)



SAVE THE DATE! ◀

We are still in the planning stages for this year's Autumn Gala and although we aren't quite sure what that evening looks like yet, we know it will be a fun event for the NDA community to support the mission of NDA. Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. More information about the Autumn Gala will be available this summer.

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.



CELEBRATE WITH THE SND'S ON JULY 4! ◀

The SND Fourth of July Festival has been held annually since 1922. It is a day for friends and families of the Sisters of Notre Dame to celebrate while supporting SND ministries near and far. Due to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak, they have made the decision not to host an in-person Festival on July 4, 2020. They 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. Proceeds benefit local and global SND ministries and our retired sisters. We hope you will be a part of reaching the SND fundraising goal! (\$105,000)

The Sisters of Notre Dame always strive to 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 in advance for your partnership in making the modified 2020 4th of July Festival a great success!



Notre Dame Academy is fortunate to have generous Corporate Sponsors for our annual events: the Women Making a Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing and the Autumn Gala. Their ongoing support helps provide tuition assistance to those students who may not otherwise be able to benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. Their partnership with Notre Dame Academy also helps to promote the NDA mission of educating young women to make a difference. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations. You can find a complete list of our NDA Corporate and Event Sponsors [HERE](#).

Would You Like to Become a Corporate Sponsor?

To request a brochure or to get further information about becoming a corporate sponsor for Notre Dame Academy, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at goeken@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851. Special thanks to our corporate sponsors listed below. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and organizations.

▶ Important dates

May 22

Graduation (virtual)

July 17-18

Graduation Celebration for Class of 2020

August 12

First Day of School!