



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2020-21 school year a success. As I told our seniors at their graduation last week, education has changed more so in the past two years than any period in history. I am very appreciative of the way our community has been creative, flexible and adaptable this school year. It made all of the difference!

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2021. As a class, they earned over \$18 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 42% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. Our recent graduates will be attending 46 different colleges and universities in 19 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 also like to congratulate Margaret Gartner on receiving the 2021 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Margaret is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

A special shout out and "thank you" to Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel for once again organizing our annual Cleaning Day. This wonderful tradition not only helps keep our building in excellent condition, it also gives our students some ownership and responsibility in maintaining our school building which is a great life lesson.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of 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. While we are all looking forward to the summer break, as a community of lifelong learners rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we are also excited about the start of our next school year. As COVID-19 protocols continue to be updated, our COVID-19 team will meet throughout the summer to plan for the upcoming school year. School starts on August 17. Please keep an eye on your email throughout the summer months for more information about the 2021-22 school year at NDA.

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 blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



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.



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Educating Women to Make a Difference

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ADOLESCENTS ◀

Our students and parents have many questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, now available for people 12 years old and older. We realize that choosing to vaccinate or not is a very personal decision that is best met with careful consideration and education. To support our families as they make this important decision, NDA recently brought together a team of NDA alumnae in the medical field to educate our community about the COVID-19 vaccine at a Parent Information Session.

In line with our mission of educating women to make a difference in the world, Dr. Shelly Voet of Pediatric Associates began our Parent Information Session with a presentation addressing the following goals:

- Discuss COVID-19 disease
- Discuss COVID-19 in teens
- Discuss the mRNA vaccine now available for teens 12-15 years
- Discuss benefits, risks, contraindications and precautions with COVID-19 vaccination

If you were unable to attend NDA's Parent Information Session regarding the COVID-19 vaccination for adolescents, you can find Dr. Voet's presentation [HERE](#).

You can also find vaccination information from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information | Vaccines: What You Need to Know](#)

According to our physician's panel, many pediatrician offices are, or will soon be offering the COVID-19 vaccine in their offices for eligible patients. Local pharmacies are offering it as well. If you are vaccinated at a pharmacy, please send your vaccination information to your primary care physician.

You can find more information regarding vaccinating children 12+ [HERE](#).

We sincerely thank the following NDA alumnae who served on our physicians panel at our Parent Information Session sharing their knowledge and expertise:

Dr. Shelly Finn Voet '87 - Pediatric Associates, Pediatrics

Dr. Amanda Fox Dropic '97 - Primary Pediatrics, Pediatrics

Dr. Ann Reed Macke '85 - Pediatrics of Florence, Pediatrics

Dr. Michelle Dixon Eckerle '94 - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Pediatrics; Attending Physician, Emergency Dept; Asst Professor, UC Dept of Pediatrics

Dr. Allison Foertsch Bartlett '03 - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist, Division of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Immune Deficiency



CONGRATULATIONS





2021-2022 CALENDAR ◀

[CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Google calendar which is accessible through the school's website. You can also find a listing of the school calendar for the 2021-22 school year [HERE](#).

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

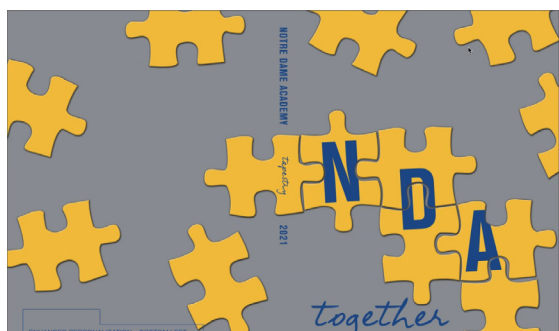
Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- 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



YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS: DEADLINE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 15! ◀

Class of 2021 parents: We're extending the deadline for yearbook recognition ads through June 15. Jostens says it will have the Yearbook Ad tab at jostens.com back up later this week. If you run into any issues, please reach out to Publications teacher Rory Glynn at glynnr@ndapandas.org.





SUMMER READING ◀

We have partnered with the local bookstore the Blue Marble to make acquiring summer reading books easier for our students. [CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Summer Reading information.

CONGRATS!

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Congratulations to NDA's Claire Hulett on being selected to participate in St. Elizabeth's High School Senior Internship Program. The purpose of this prestigious program is to provide a service learning opportunity for high school seniors to explore healthcare and the many departments that come together to impact the patient experience. As a St. Elizabeth High School Senior Intern, Claire will rotate between a variety of departments including inpatient units, outpatient areas and support services. She will also be provided with group educational opportunities to further explore careers in healthcare and have the opportunity to shadow an allied health or nursing associate. Claire is well on her way to making a difference in the lives of others with this internship!



INFORMATION FROM TANK BUS SERVICE ◀

This summer, TANK is making a change that may affect a small number of current students at NDA. For many years, TANK has operated a bus after school to neighborhoods along Dixie Highway and Dudley Road in Edgewood. Due to a decline in ridership of this bus over the years, paired with serious operator shortages, TANK has had to look at the services they are providing and make some difficult decisions.

TANK will no longer be able to provide this bus to Notre Dame Academy. If you rely on this a primary or back-up option of transportation to school, please be aware that this bus will no longer be available.



FINAL FORMS ◀

If you have not already done so, please be sure to log in to [Final Forms](#) and complete everything for the 2021/2022 school year.



SPRING CHOIR CONCERT ◀

Don't miss NDA's Honor Choir and Pandatones in their virtual Spring Concert! Songs on the program include: Over the Rainbow, The Prayer, and You Say. Each of these songs has important, positive meaning and has brought us hope over this difficult year! You can find the concert online [HERE](#).



Notre Dame Academy has
 Art Music Something Fun Drama Athletics
 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](#).

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 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on June 14 to 19, the live Showcase performance will take place on Saturday, June 19 at 3 p.m. Sign up now [here!](#)

LEARN A BAND INSTRUMENT THIS SUMMER FOR FREE... ◀

ANY 7th - 12th Grader!

IF these awesome students shown below in the NDA/CCH Band can do it, SO can You !!

(Yes, we do have instruments on the shelf so you do not need to buy or rent anything.)

We Meet in the Band Room at NDA on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings this summer 8 - 9 a.m. beginning June 1...

Contact:

[Mr. Cerimele](#) or [Mrs. Geiman](#)
<http://cincyband.com>



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.



NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

The 23rd annual NDA Golf Outing will be held at Summit Hills Country Club on Monday, July 26, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. All profits from the outing go directly to the Athletic Department and allow us to continue to provide a competitive athletic program that complements our quality educational program for young women in Northern Kentucky. We are proud of Notre Dame Academy's tradition of rich and successful programs. Over the years, NDA has won 30 State Team Championship titles, has secured 39 State Runner-up titles and 73 individual state titles. This year we brought home the State Title in Volleyball and we had an individual swimming State Winner as well! NDA offers fourteen sports in which over half of NDA students participate. Your support makes this all possible!

To play, sponsor or for more information please visit our website at: <https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/golf-outing.aspx>

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!



TENNIS NEWS ◀

Martine Hue won the first round of Singles Tennis State but fell in a tough second round match. Doubles team, Sam Bailey and Hailey Fullenkamp, had a tough first round draw in the State Tournament and fell in a close match. Lauren Janzaruk and Taylor Meenach advanced to the third round of the Tennis State Championships, playing this morning in Lexington but lost after a tough battle against Sacred Heart. Congrats on a great season Tennis Pandas!

SUMMER CAMPS

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



BOWLING NEWS ◀

NDA's Athletic Department is pleased to announce that we have hired David Hampton as the new varsity bowling coach. Coach Hampton, a Sergeant with the Kenton County Sheriff's Office, comes to NDA with a great deal of experience and a passion for bowling. David started the bowling program at Simon Kenton and in his time there won a State Team Title, a Singles Title, a Team State Runner Up Title and was a 5 time NKACC Coach of the Year and a KHSAA Coach of the year. Coach Hampton will be joined by his long time assistant Jeremy Ziegler to lead our Pandas. Bowling is a winter sport, starting in early October. We will hold some open bowls at the beginning of the school year for those who want to try it out and see what it is all about!

If you are interested in bowling next school please select bowling in Final Forms or email Coach Hampton at hamptond@ndapandas.org.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

[NDA PARENT TOOLBOX](#)

Recommended Parent Reading for Summer!

Under Pressure by Lisa Damour (2019)
Confronting the epidemic of stress and anxiety in girls.



MENTAL WELLNESS APPS TO ENJOY THIS SUMMER ◀

Social: [Teleparty](#)

Emotional: [Happify](#)
[Headspace](#)
[Superbetter](#)

Intellectual: [CheckingIn](#)
[Daylio: Self-Care & Goals](#)

Physical: [Sleep Tracker: Sounds, Stories & Alarm Clock](#)
[Relax Melodies: Sleep Sounds](#)

Spiritual: [Gratitude Happiness Journal](#)
[Think Up: Positive Affirmations](#)
[Smiling Mind](#)
[Hallow](#)



YOUTH COUNCIL FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ◀

The Youth Council for Suicide Prevention (YCSP) is a joint effort between 1N5 and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. **They are seeking council members for the 2021-2022 school year.** YCSP is a small group of diverse teenagers from local high schools who are committed to improving the health and well-being of Cincinnati youth. **All applications are due June 15, 2021.**

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE + APPLY!](#)



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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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

June 3	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
June 7	NDA Leadership Summit Begins
July 26	NDA Golf Outing
August 2	Incoming Freshman iPad Sessions Begin
August 9	Diocesan Mass/Faculty In-service
August 10	Freshman Orientation
August 12	In-service Day
August 13	In-service Day
August 17	First Day of School!

