



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Our students and faculty have returned from the Labor Day break re-energized and ready to continue *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*! I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and are feeling refreshed as well.

Our mission at Notre Dame Academy clearly states our goal...

*"Notre Dame Academy,
a Catholic high school dedicated to Mary
and committed to academic excellence,
exists to educate young women
to make a difference in the world."*

In line with our mission, we strive to provide our students with an exemplary education. We see the fruits of our labor in many ways at NDA. We see it throughout the school year as so many of our students receive awards and accolades for their hard work. We see it as our seniors are accepted into distinguished programs and notable colleges, many of them receiving half tuition or more in scholarships.

Our NDA community continues to live our mission. I am privileged to witness this throughout our campus each and every day. I see it in the classrooms, on the field and even in the cafeteria. This school year I am seeing even more examples of our students living our mission as they wear masks and social distance to take care of each other. Every day at NDA I see your daughters thriving as they learn the true value of an NDA education which inspires them to share their God-given gifts. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work and for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy.

In that spirit of partnership, I invite you to join me in support of our annual fundraiser, the Autumn Gala. This year we will gather virtually for this important event with NDA faculty, families and friends in celebration and support of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. As you will see in the information below, there is no charge to attend our virtual Gala on October 17 so I hope everyone in our community is able to participate in some way. You will also see below that Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are now selling First Choice Tickets for the Gala. I certainly appreciate their continued support of our mission and I'm sure they would appreciate your support in purchasing a First Choice ticket from them. You can contact them to purchase First Choice tickets at 859.292.7736.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

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

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Question Submission Link
- NDA COVID-19 Response Chart for Students and Staff
- and more!



REMOTE LEARNERS ◀

Administration must have advanced notice of a student's absence in order to approve and arrange for remote learning. All remote learning arrangements must begin with Administration's approval, so families are expected to contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Grayson or School Nurse Mrs. Sizemore should circumstances require a student's extended absence.

NDA | CCH BAND ◀

Socially Distant in 2020 on the Teacher Marching Lot!



MAKE GOOD CHOICES! HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Symptom Screenings and Health Precautions
- Contact Tracing
- Cleaning and Sanitizing our Campus
- Hand Sanitizing
- Masks
- Social Distancing
- Safety Barriers



Together we can Make a Difference!



PARENT MINI-NIGHT ◀

Postponed to a later date and will be shared virtually.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Campus Ministry: We will be offering mass at 7:20 a.m. every Friday morning in the chapel during the month of September. We also 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.

Service: Mrs. Price has visited all of the Sophomore Religion Classes this week to discuss the Sophomore Service Requirements for this school year. These are different than what was presented in the Spring, due to the Pandemic. A description can be found [here](#).

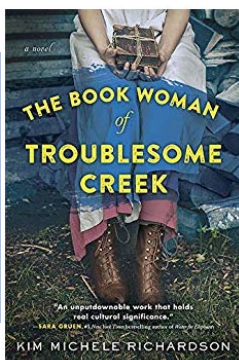
Dress Down Day: We will have a dress down day **TOMORROW, Thursday, Sept. 10, benefiting Relief work for Hurricane Laura.** The cost is \$3.00 and students need to bring exact change (or make a larger than \$3 donation) as we will not be handing out change. Students are still required to wear a mask and their lanyards.

NEW NDA THEATRE DIRECTOR ◀

We have a new Theatre Director starting this week. Her name is Jackie Smith and she comes with both theatre and teaching experience. We look forward to working with Ms. Smith and know she will be a great addition to our team.

We would like to thank Ms. Caroline Stine for all that she has done for NDA. Ms. Stine has decided to take another position which will allow her to follow her own dreams and passions, and to focus on her own company and needs as an artist. Ms. Stine has done some amazing work in her 5 years here at NDA. She is going to miss the students and she will be missed by them. We wish Ms. Stine well in this new role and thank her for all that she contributed to NDA.

Welcome!



COMMON READER DAY: THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK ◀

Common Reader Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. Details will be shared at a later time, but we look forward to meeting (virtually) the book's author, Kim Michele Richardson, on this day!

ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

This school year, "Grab and Go" lunches will be available to purchase through NDA. Each week, students will need to order their lunches for the following week. [CLICK HERE](#) for the order form for next week.

This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. Please indicate which day you would like to purchase lunch next week. Check all that apply. 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 are due by 3:00 p.m. each Friday. **Orders for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11.**

Reminders about lunch: If you do not order a grab and go lunch through NDA's cafeteria, you should pack a lunch. **We have made some changes to the menu for this week. We will no longer be offering a Snack Bag (there was very little interest in this item). We will be offering more a la carte items for the girls to purchase.** Lunch boxes should be stored in your backpack or purse throughout the day. Lunch location assignments are as follows:

- Seniors: Cafeteria and Soccer Field
- Juniors: Auditorium and Soccer Field
- Sophomores: Gym and Marian Circle
- Freshmen: Gym and Marian Circle



ONCE A PANDA, ALWAYS A PANDA! ◀

Check out all of the faculty and staff members at St. Joseph School (Crescent Springs) who graduated from NDA! Once a Panda, always a Panda!!! Thanks to these awesome educators and all of the faculty and staff at St. Joseph School who are making a difference in the lives of their students even in the most challenging times!



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Have a new driver at your house? All car related items (sport decals, key chains, stone coasters, license plate holders, windshield covers) are 10% off this week in the Bambootique! Check them all out online here: [online Bambootique!](#)

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



College Rep Visits

COLLEGE REP VISITS ◀

Due to COVID-19, we cannot invite College Reps into the building, but we will be organizing Virtual College Visits for NDA students!

St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana)

Monday, Sept 14 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: [St. Mary's / NDA](#)

UK Virtual Visit for NDA

Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 7 p.m.

Register in advance: [UK: NDA Visit](#)

Bellarmino University

Wed, Sept 16 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: bellarmine.edu/register/NDA

Centre College

Tuesday, Sept 22 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://centre.zoom.us>

WKU Virtual Visit

Wed, Sept 23 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: [WKU / NDA Visit](#)

University of Alabama

Mon, Sept 28 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: [Alabama / NDA Visit](#)

Furman University

Tues, Sept 29 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://furman.zoom.us>

Miami University (Ohio)

Wed, Sept 30 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://miamioh.edu/visit>

Marian University

Mon, Oct 5 @ 7 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://zoom.us>

Hanover College

Wed, Oct 7 @ 7:00 pm

Visit Link: <https://hanover.zoom.us>

Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ burgeik@ndapadns.org

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

Virtual College Visits!





FALL 2020 GUIDE TO THE COLLEGE SEARCH IN THE CINCINNATI REGION ◀

Looking for help in navigating the college search process during Fall 2020? The Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection (GC3) has collaborated to develop an online resource for the college application process this year. It includes contact information, what type of visits one can expect and arrange, testing requirements and application deadlines for any GC3 member college or university engaging with high school students. The guide also includes a link to the [GC3 Degree Finder](#) which offers counselors, parents and students access to information on over 2000 programs offered at the 17 GC3 colleges and universities. [Click here](#) to access the resource.



"Making the Right Choice Easy"

***FINALLY! A true PREVENTION PLAN
for teens to rely on to remain drug
free and GET REWARDED for it!***

DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

- Students become DFCA members after passing a simple, confidential drug test.
- Membership at NDA has steadily increased over the years; last year 83% of our Pandas joined.
- Members can rely on testing as an "out" for drug related situations by saying, "I can't, I might get tested".
- Only parents receive test results.
- Parents are notified via email of perfect moments to talk about drugs.
- Members receive a full color photo ID card to show to local merchants for "rewards" to recognize their drug free lifestyle.
- Retesting of random members continues throughout the school year.
- As long as members remain drug free, the rewards continue and...

...Saying "I can't" stops peer pressure in its tracks!

If you never start using drugs, you never have to stop!

Cost is only \$25/year...(because Notre Dame Academy pays the cost of \$10 for every student member!) but, **if you join as a Freshman and pay \$75 for 3 years, your 4th/Senior year is FREE!!**

Applications for Notre Dame Academy's Drug Free Club are available on the [Drug Free Clubs website](#), through a link on the [NDA](#) Back to School page, and in the Main School Office and the Counselor Quad. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

The Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is a free 5-week residential program for outstanding KY students the summer after completing their **11th grade** of high school. The program provides academic and personal growth through a strong liberal arts program balanced with a full residential life experience while living on a KY college campus. Students complete an application and compete with others from across the state. GSP hopes to have **current information and videos posted on their website by September 4th** that explain the 7 sections of their application. NDA students wishing to apply to GSP this year are asked to watch these videos before coming to our GSP Informational Session, which will be held later in September. Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.



PURCHASE YOUR FIRST CHOICE TICKETS FOR THE GALA TODAY! ◀

Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are now selling First Choice Tickets for the Gala. Tickets are limited - only 125 tickets will be sold. To purchase your First Choice Ticket and get a preview of the outstanding gifts that are available, please contact the Sisters at 859.292.7736.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VIRTUAL 2020 AUTUMN GALA ◀

Be sure to mark your calendar for the *2020 Autumn Gala*, scheduled for **Saturday, October 17**. Planning is in full swing for what is NDA largest fundraiser of the year. Because of the concerns for mass attendance at in-person events, the Executive Committee has made the decision to transform the Gala into a **Live Virtual Event!**

The Autumn Gala will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. There is NO CHARGE to “attend” the event, and directions on how to participate will be forthcoming. The Gala will feature emcee Joe Danneman from Fox 19 news, President Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA principal Jack VonHandorf and his roaming cameras, a live telephone bank with “celebrity” guests, fabulous items you can bid on, signature cocktail demonstrations, student videos, games, raffles, giveaways, and much much more. Registration for the Gala will be forthcoming.

Have you purchased your Autumn Gala Alumnae Raffle chances yet? This is a great way for you to support the Gala, while at the same time, have a chance to win significant dollars! As a reminder, NDA keeps 55% of the total revenue, the raffle winner receives 40%, and second prize winner receives 5%. The Raffle winner will be chosen during the Gala on October 17 via livestream.

As a reminder, this is not the student fundraiser - students will not be selling chances for this raffle.

To purchase raffle chances, please go to: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/2020AutumnGalaRaffle> no later than October 16.



Blau Mechanical

The origin of Blau Mechanical, Inc. dates back to 1941 when Nick Blau began Nick Blau Heating on Scott Street, Covington, KY. In 1966 Nick Blau incorporated the firm in Kentucky and changed its name to Nick Blau Heating, Inc. In 1974 the firm was sold to Vicente Salazar. In 1978 the firm's name was changed to Blau Heating, Inc. In 1987, once again, the corporate name changed to its present form to better represent the changing and expanding scope of activities in which Blau Mechanical, Inc. has become involved. In October, 1996 Blau Mechanical moved to our new facility located at 1532 Russell Street.



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- 2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

► Important dates

September 10

Dress Down Day - Hurricane Laura Relief (\$#)

September 11

7:20 a.m. Mass in Chapel

Club Orientation Forms Due

September 19

ACT at NDA

September 30

Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents