



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

Happy Foundation Week! Tomorrow, October 1, is a special day for the Sisters of Notre Dame and for Notre Dame Academy. It is SND Foundation Day commemorating the day our founders Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and they began the Sisters of Notre Dame order in Coesfeld, Germany. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education.

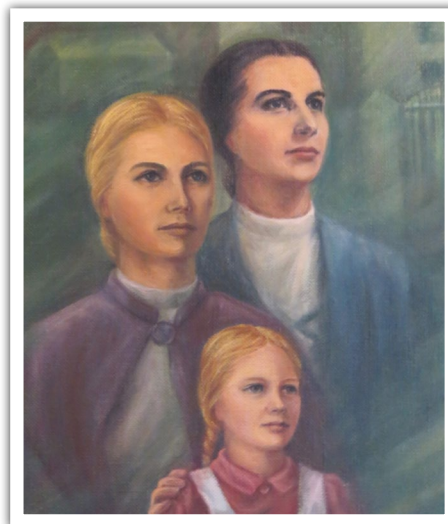
At NDA this week, we will celebrate SND Foundation Day remembering the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and giving thanks that they began a tradition of excellence in education and service to others. It is a great way to remind our students, faculty and staff of how the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame have taught us the significance of *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*. You can read more about Foundation Week at NDA in Dr. Laura Koehl's blog [HERE](#).

As I look around our campus each day, I am grateful to see our students engaged in meaningful learning, physical activity and social interaction. It is so important to their overall health to have that balance in their lives. I want to thank our parents and students for being diligent in their efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order that we can follow Plan 1 of our Pandas Return to Campus Plan with our entire student body on campus Monday through Friday. I would encourage our community not to become complacent with the measures that we have put in place at NDA. We must all continue to do our part each day, even on the weekends, to keep our students, faculty and staff safe and healthy. Remember, our own good personal choices benefit our entire community.

Thank you for the sacrifices you make to send your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. We are privileged to partner with you in her Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



*Sharing a sandwich,  
touching a life!*

*Hilligonde Wolbring shared her sandwich with a student. God worked through her to help the poor and called her to begin the Sisters of Notre Dame. She shared her dream with Elisabeth Kuhling. Together they spread God's goodness and provident care around the world.*



## 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!

## KEEP MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

As Mr. VonHandorf says, please continue to “Make Good Choices” by following all of the mitigation strategies we have put in place at NDA to stop the spread of COVID-19. Remember, **the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus.** Please continue to:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.
- Wash hands often under clean, running water for 20 seconds.

***We are all making a difference in each other’s lives by following COVID-19 mitigation strategies!***

FROM THE  
SCHOOL  
NURSE



## 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!**

# STUDENT LIFE

## VIRTUAL PARENT MINI-NIGHT ◀

Each year Notre Dame Academy hosts Parent Mini-Night giving NDA parents an opportunity to walk through their daughters' schedules and to meet each of their teachers. In order to keep our community safe this school year, we are limiting the number of visitors to our school building and we will therefore host a Virtual Parent Mini-Night.

[CLICK HERE](#) to meet NDA's gifted and dedicated faculty who have the pleasure of working with your daughters each day. The purpose of Virtual Parent Mini-Night is for meeting your daughter's teachers and learning more about her classes - not to address a specific need with your daughter's teachers.

## STUDENT/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ◀

Student/Parent Teacher Conferences are held each school year in order that students and/or parents can address a specific need with faculty members. This year, Student/Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually and through the use of Zoom. The goal for such conferences is to provide a window of time for parents, students or teachers to address concerns in order to promote student learning.

If you feel a meeting with one or more of your daughter's teachers is necessary, click [HERE](#) to sign up for a 15 minute conference with your daughter's teacher. Conferences will take place virtually Wednesday, October 7 between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Once you sign up for a conference, you will then receive the meeting link and passcode in your confirmation email.

If you would like to meet your daughter's teachers prior to scheduling a conference, attend our Virtual Parent Mini-Night by clicking [HERE](#) to view the Flipgrid created in collaboration with NDA's dedicated faculty and staff.

 Student/Parent Teacher Conferences



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to junior Dinithi Fernando on being selected as the NDA Student of the Month for September. You can read more about Dinithi [HERE](#).



## MODIFIED SUPER DAYS ◀

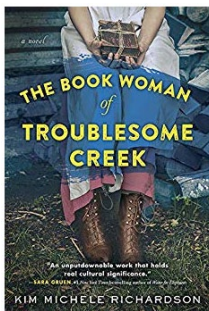
Next Tuesday, October 6, seniors will take the ACT while freshmen will take the CERT test. They will end the day together in Club Orientation where they will learn about the various clubs at NDA.

**REMINDER: Sophomores and Juniors will be off on Tuesday, October 6 with no classes.**



## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

This week at Notre Dame Academy, we celebrate the Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) Foundation Week! In honor of SND Foundation Week, the Bambootique is offering 10% off alumnae gear this week. You can shop online here: <https://bambootique.ndapandas.org> Shop online here: [online Bambootique!](#)



## COMMON READER DAY: THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK ◀

Don't forget - 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!

# Campus Ministry

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

**Campus Ministry:** 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.

## PANDA SNEAK PEEK INFORMATIONAL COFFEES 2020 ◀

**Informational Coffees for prospective Panda parents!**

If you know any prospective families who would like to learn more about NDA, encourage them to attend a Coffee this fall. Space is limited for the in-person Coffees due to social distancing. Reservations are required for all of these events. Interested families should contact Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, for details and registration information, [caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org) | 859-292-1829.

- Tuesday, October 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m. (evening event)--This event will be held in person on our campus.\*
- Thursday, October 22, 7 - 8 p.m.--This event will be virtual.\*\*
- Wednesday, October 28, 8 - 9 a.m.--This event will be held in person on our campus.\*

## Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS GOLF PANDAS! ◀

NDA's Golf Team competed in Regionals yesterday the 29th at Kenton County Pioneer Golf Course and finished the Region Runner Up! Golfers Emma Meyer, Hannah Rice and Natalie Lovelle all qualified for the State Tournament taking place in Bowling Green October 9th and 10th.

## 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 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, October 2.**

**Reminders about lunch:**

**PARENTS: Please check the students lunch account balances through the PayPams link above. We have many with overdue balances.**

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 ala 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

## GET INVOLVED! ◀

Hey Pandas! Do you want to learn more about the NDA|CCH Band? Color-guard? Dance Pandas? Drum line? Check out all of these fun ways to get involved at NDA [HERE](#).





## 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!

#### **Transylvania University**

Thursday, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Saint Louis University**

Thursday, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Marian University**

Monday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Emerson College (Boston, Massachusetts)**

Monday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **John Carroll University**

Monday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Vanderbilt University**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://myappvu.vanderbilt.edu/register>

#### **University of Louisville**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us>

#### **Dartmouth College**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Saint Francis University (PA)**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://francis-edu.zoom.us>

#### **Hanover College**

Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Northern Kentucky University**

Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Lipscomb University**

Monday, October 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Savannah College of Art & Design**

Monday, October 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

#### **Samford University**

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://undergradadmission.samford.edu>

#### **Long Island University - Post**

Thursday, October 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ [burgeik@ndapadns.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapadns.org)



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

### September Recommendation: Table Talks and Dashboard Conversations

A Parent-Child Conversation Guide with Monthly themes broken down into Daily Conversations/Activities. September theme: “Emotional Health & Suicide Prevention.” Sept. 24 Conversation: “Discuss the importance of being aware of how you are feeling and figuring out what works best to encourage emotional health.” October Theme: “Bullying & Safety.”

## DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Why haven't you registered your daughter in Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) yet?

**Q - My daughter may have used something, and I don't want her to get in trouble.**

**A - The school NEVER gets the results of the drug tests. DFCA informs parents directly, allowing them to handle the results and get any help as they best see fit.**

This information came to parents last week with daughters in DFCA:

### ***Most Popular Drug Trends Among High School Students:***

- 1. Alcohol** - 58.5% of 12th graders report using alcohol at some point in their lifetime.
- 2. Illicit Drugs** - 47.4% of 12th graders report using illicit drugs at some point in their lifetime.
- 3. Vaping** - 45.6% of 12th graders report vaping at some point in their lifetime.
- 4. Marijuana** - 43.7% of 12th graders report using marijuana at some point in their lifetime.
- 5. Cigarettes** - 22.3% of 12th graders report smoking cigarettes at some point in their lifetime.
- 6. Prescription Drugs** - 14.6% of 12th graders report abusing prescription drugs at some point in their lifetime.
- 7. Smokeless Tobacco** - 9.8% of 12th graders report using smokeless tobacco at some point in their lifetime.

**\*Information from the National Institute of Drug Abuse - [Monitoring the Future Survey](#)**

Did this information surprise you? Is it what you expected? Register your daughter in DFCA to receive information that is helpful, informative, and thought-provoking.

**[Applications accepted through October 30.](#)**

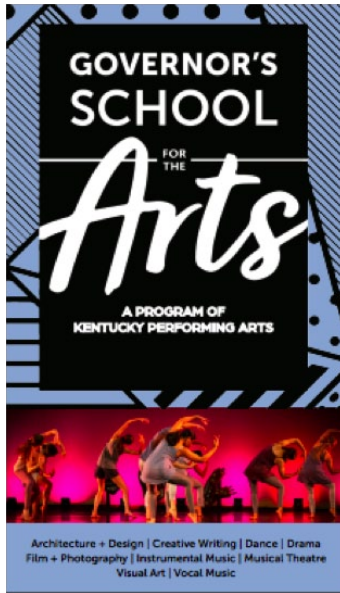


***Making the Right Choice***



## GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

NDA's GSP Applications are due November 18. The [GSP website](#) has everything one needs to know to successfully complete their application, including a [Helpful Hints Packet](#) and informational videos detailing sections. (GSP recommends viewing these videos!) Contact Mrs. Hildreth with questions.



## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

Architecture	Creative Writing	Musical Theater
Visual Art	Instrumental Music	Drama
Film & Photography	Vocal Music	Dance

The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) has rolled out new opportunities for GSA applicants, including a full calendar of virtual info sessions and chances to hear directly from adjudicators in all nine artforms.

**October 1 - Virtual Info Session: GSA 101- 4:30 p.m.** - An overview of the summer program and the application process. (Will be recorded.) [FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED THROUGH THE LINK ON THIS PAGE](#)

**October 14 - Applicant Guides Released** - Important documents and criteria, enabling applicants to start honing their materials

**October 15 - Virtual Info Session: What's an Applicant Guide? - 4:30 p.m.** See how applicants can use the documents to submit the strongest application possible. [FREE, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED THROUGH THE LINK ON THIS PAGE.](#)

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) ◀

**There will be an Informational Meeting about the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs on Monday October 5** after school! Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for 2021 GSE beginning Monday, November 16. Come and learn more!

GSE has scheduled seven virtual events on Hopin this fall for prospective applicants and their families to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. The link to register is below, as well as the schedule for events.

### Virtual Learning Events for GSE:

Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 5-6 p.m. ET  
Monday, Oct. 5 from 4-5 p.m. ET  
Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4-5 p.m. ET  
Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 4-5 p.m. ET  
Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-5 p.m. ET  
Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4-5 p.m. ET  
Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m. ET

This free, prestigious program will take place on Northern Kentucky University's campus in the summer of 2021. All current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students are welcome to apply. [LINK](#)





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
**AUTUMN**  
*Gala*  
October 17, 2020

Please join us for our virtual event

**Saturday, October 17**

**from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

*This is NDA's largest fundraiser of the year and we need your support this year more than ever!*

*There is NO CHARGE to attend this event. Directions on how to participate will be forthcoming. NDA's 2020 Autumn Gala will feature emcee Joe Danneman from Fox 19 news, President Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA Principal Jack VonHandorf and his roaming camera, many "celebrity" guests, fabulous items you can bid on, signature cocktail demonstrations, raffles, giveaways, and much more. Registration for the Gala will be forthcoming.*

**Thank You to our Sponsors!**

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**In addition to attending and bidding on items, here is how you can help...**

**Purchase a First Choice Ticket**

You can win the "FIRST CHOICE" of our amazing auction items with the First Choice raffle!

Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are now selling a limited number of First Choice tickets - only 125 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each.

You can preview the outstanding list of auction items to choose from [HERE](#).

To purchase your First Choice ticket please contact the Sisters at 859.292.7736.

**Become a Gala Sponsor!**

The success of the 2020 Autumn Gala greatly depends on parents/supporters like you who understand the value of a Catholic education.

We are hoping that you would consider one of the sponsorships that are outlined [HERE](#).

If you have a business that you would like to promote, we fully expect that we can promote your business even better than before because of the broader audience we will be reaching with this virtual/on-line format.

God bless you for your support of NDA and the 2020 Autumn Gala!

**Purchase a Raffle Ticket**

This is a great way for you to support the Gala, while at the same time, have a chance to win significant dollars!

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 click [HERE](#) and purchase your tickets no later than October 16.



*Chef Barone Catering*

CChef Barone's Catering handles everything from hot buffet items to box lunches and more in the Park Hills area. With over two decades worth of catering experience, we continue to

work hard to please our customers. Fair prices and excellent quality food make us a great choice for all your catering needs. When you need a detail-oriented team to make sure things get done right, we're the obvious choice. Contact us in Park Hills to consult about your event, or to place an order. We're here to serve you in any way we can. Thanks for visiting our site!



## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

## ▶ Important dates

October 1	Foundation Day - Prayer Service
October 6	Modified Super Day (JR and SO off school)
October 7	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Virtual
October 8	No School
October 9	No School
October 13	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - In Person
October 16	First Quarter Ends Picture Retake Day
October 17	2020 Virtual Autumn Gala
October 22	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - Virtual
October 24	ACT at NDA
October 28	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - In Person Common Reader Day