



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

As the number of COVID-19 cases rises around the world, the complexities and challenges of the disease continue to grow for all of us in every aspect of our lives. At Notre Dame Academy, we embrace the complications and difficulties of in-person instruction precipitated by COVID-19 daily. We continue to be proactive in our approach to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 at NDA because we believe that it is critically important to the health and wellbeing of our students to continue to receive in person instruction. Since the start of the school year, we have had to make adjustments to our procedures and protocols at times in order to promote the safest learning environment for our students. The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, therefore we will continue to adjust as needed in order to keep our students safely on campus.

We are grateful to have completed the first quarter of the school year with in person instruction. As we begin our second quarter, we are taking time to evaluate how Plan 1 of our Pandas Return to Campus Plan is working. We would ask that you do the same by participating in our [2020-21 First Quarter Parent Survey](#). We value your input and appreciate your time in taking the survey. NDA students and faculty will also be asked to participate in a 2020-21 First Quarter Survey. I will communicate any subsequent changes to our current procedures as a result of the surveys in the weeks ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and students for their support and cooperation so far this school year. I realize it hasn't been easy. Our students have been asked to follow many new guidelines and make sacrifices to keep our students, faculty and staff safe and on campus. As a community of lifelong learners, we are all discovering the importance of foregoing our own personal desires for the good of the whole and as a result, I think we are all strengthening our capacity for selflessness. I believe that life is about choices and as you know, I talk to our students a great deal about making good choices. While choosing to follow our COVID-19 mitigation strategies at school may be difficult for our students at times, they are learning valuable lessons about sacrifice, responsibility and seeking what is good for others and for all.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

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!

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE ◀

Parents, please note that if a person within your household is being tested for COVID-19, your daughter must stay home until results are received and confirmed.

In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19, please contact Mrs. McLeod in the front office (mcleods@ndapandas.org) or Tina Sizemore, the school nurse, (sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

Even if the person within your household is being tested for COVID-19 as a precautionary measure or you are seeking a definitive diagnosis from a physician, please keep your daughter home from school until results are received and confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE!
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FIRST QUARTER SURVEYS ◀

Parents, please take a few minutes to complete our [2020-21 First Quarter Parent Survey](#). We value your input and appreciate your time!

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!

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ◀

Next Friday, NDA will engage in Halloween festivities, and they are welcome to wear costumes. The costumes must be appropriate and provide proper coverage; in addition, no gore, face/body paint, Halloween masks or weapons are permitted. Students should contact Mrs. Grayson if they have any questions.

COMMON READER DAY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW ◀

Next Wednesday, October 28 is Common Reader day. **PLEASE NOTE:** Sophomores and Freshmen will have a late arrival that day and Juniors and Seniors will have an early dismissal. You can see the complete schedule below.

COMMON READER DAY ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING SESSIONS

8:00 - 8:50

Session 1

SR - Diversity + Inclusivity in Gym
JR - Diversity + Inclusivity in Auditorium
SO - Late Arrival
FR - Late Arrival

9:00 - 9:30

Discussion Groups

SR - Homerooms
JR - Homerooms
SO - Homerooms
FR - Homerooms

9:40 - 10:15

Session 2

SR - Fake or Real in Homerooms
JR - Craft in Homerooms
SO - Diversity + Inclusivity in Gym
FR - Diversity + Inclusivity in Auditorium

10:25 - 11:00

Session 3/L

SR - Lunch in Auditorium/Outside
JR - Lunch in Auditorium/Outside
SO - Craft in Homerooms
FR - Fake or Real in Homerooms

11:10 - 11:45

Session 4/L

SR - EKY in Gym/Theatre/Alumnae Hall
JR - EKY in Gym/Theatre/Alumnae Hall
SO - Lunch in Auditorium/Outside
FR - Lunch in Auditorium/Outside

11:55 - 12:30

Session 5

SR - Craft in Homerooms
JR - Fake or Real in Homerooms
SO - EKY in Gym/Theatre/Alumnae Hall
FR - EKY in Gym/Theatre/Alumnae Hall

12:40 - 1:30

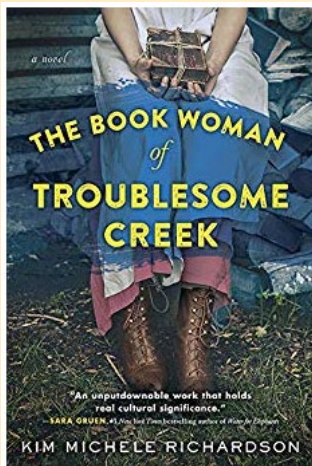
Session 6

SR - Kim Michele in Gym
JR - Kim Michele in Auditorium
SO - Fake or Real in Homerooms
FR - Craft in Homerooms

1:40 - 2:30

Session 7

SR - Early Dismissal
JR - Early Dismissal
SO - Kim Michele in Gym
FR - Kim Michele in Auditorium



BOOK DRIVE ◀

In honor of this year's common reader, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, a book drive will be held from October 26-30. In order for this project to take place, we ask that anyone who is able to please bring in any gently used or new children's books for reading levels K-8. These books will be sorted, packed up, and donated to local service agencies and schools. The books will be for students to keep and take home so they have a book of their own to read. The purpose of this book drive is to help young students who do not have free access to books at all times. In the process, it embodies the theme of our common reader and reminds of us of the importance of books and reading. We hope that everyone looks forward to helping make this project a success!

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.

Junior Retreat: The Junior Class Retreat will take place on Monday, Dec. 7 from 3:30-9:30 p.m. Juniors will NOT come to class that morning but are required to attend the retreat in the afternoon/evening. They are off the following day, Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. More details will be shared with the students as we get closer to the date. The retreat will take place on campus and all COVID-19 Back to School Protocol will be followed.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Golf Pandas it's your lucky week! The Bambootique is taking 10% off golf shirts and golf items this week. You can shop for your Panda golf items here: [online Bambootique!](#)

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 23.**

PARENTS: Please check the students lunch account balances through the [PayPams](#). We have many with overdue balances.



ATTENTION FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES ◀

Morning Arrivals

When arriving in the morning before 7:30 a.m., you are permitted in the cafeteria/auditorium until 7:40 a.m. The Spanish Stairs are still off limits before and after school. After 7:30 a.m. Sophomores and Freshmen will need to go to the gym until 7:40 p.m. This helps us avoid overcrowding the spaces/ Students should go to their classrooms at 7:40 a.m.

Lunch

The rainy weather and colder temperatures may require you to remain indoors for lunch. If so, keep up the great work keeping your physical distance in the gym. A good rule of thumb: each person should be sitting two arms' length away from the next. If your arms touch your neighbor's, you are too close to one another. Physical distance is especially important when eating/drinking with masks off. The Athletic Department appreciates each of you doing your part to keep the bleachers and gym floor clean from trash and food.

ONE ACT AUDITIONS ◀

Now is the time to Seize the Day (and get involved in this year's One Acts)!

The title for this year's One Acts is "Seize the Day," and the theme will include overcoming adversity and triumphing over challenges. The One Acts will be FILMED the first week of February, and we will not have live performances with an audience.

Want to be a Student Director or Choreographer in this year's One Acts?

Fill out the [google form](#) to apply. The form must be filled out by November 1. Students can propose multiple ideas for scenes, songs, or dance numbers that are related to the theme. Directors/Choreographers will be selected before auditions.

Interested in being cast in the show? Auditions will be held Nov 10 and Nov 12. Fill out this [google form](#) to receive more details about auditions. Sign-ups for time slots will be given later. Please prepare the following:

- If you are auditioning for a scene, you will need to perform a memorized 1-2 min contemporary monologue from a play.
- If you are auditioning for a song, you will need to prepare 16 bars of a song from a musical. Please provide an accompaniment track without vocals (could be a karaoke track) that you can play on a bluetooth speaker.
- If you are auditioning to dance, you will need to attend the dance call on Nov 10.

You can audition for 1, 2, or all 3 aspects of the show (acting, singing, dancing.) If you are unable to prepare a memorized monologue or song, an option will be provided for you at the audition. We highly recommend preparing your memorized monologue and song in advance.

Please email Miss Smith at smithja@ndapandas.org with any questions.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

SOCCER

Soccer suffered a heartbreaking loss Monday night against Dixie in the Region tournament to end their season. We are proud of the team and our 10 seniors and senior videographer for their time as a Soccer Pandas.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball takes on Holy Cross in the District Finals and then heads onto Regionals at Holmes next week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country heads into Regionals this Saturday at Fox Run at 4:30 p.m.!

VOTE!

Vote for Lauren Carothers for soccer player of the week, Emma Grace for volleyball player of the week and NDA Soccer for soccer team of the week! <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/player-of-the-week/2020/10/20/vote-cincinnati-enquirer-fall-high-school-athletes-week-oct-19/3710149001/>



Panda Sneak Peek Informational Coffee



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 | 859-292-1829.

- Thursday, October 22, 7 - 8 p.m.--This event will be virtual.**
- Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m.--This event will be held in person on our campus* NOTE: 8TH GRADE STUDENTS MAY ATTEND THE NOV. 10 EVENT WITH THEIR PARENTS.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

2020

Open House

Experience

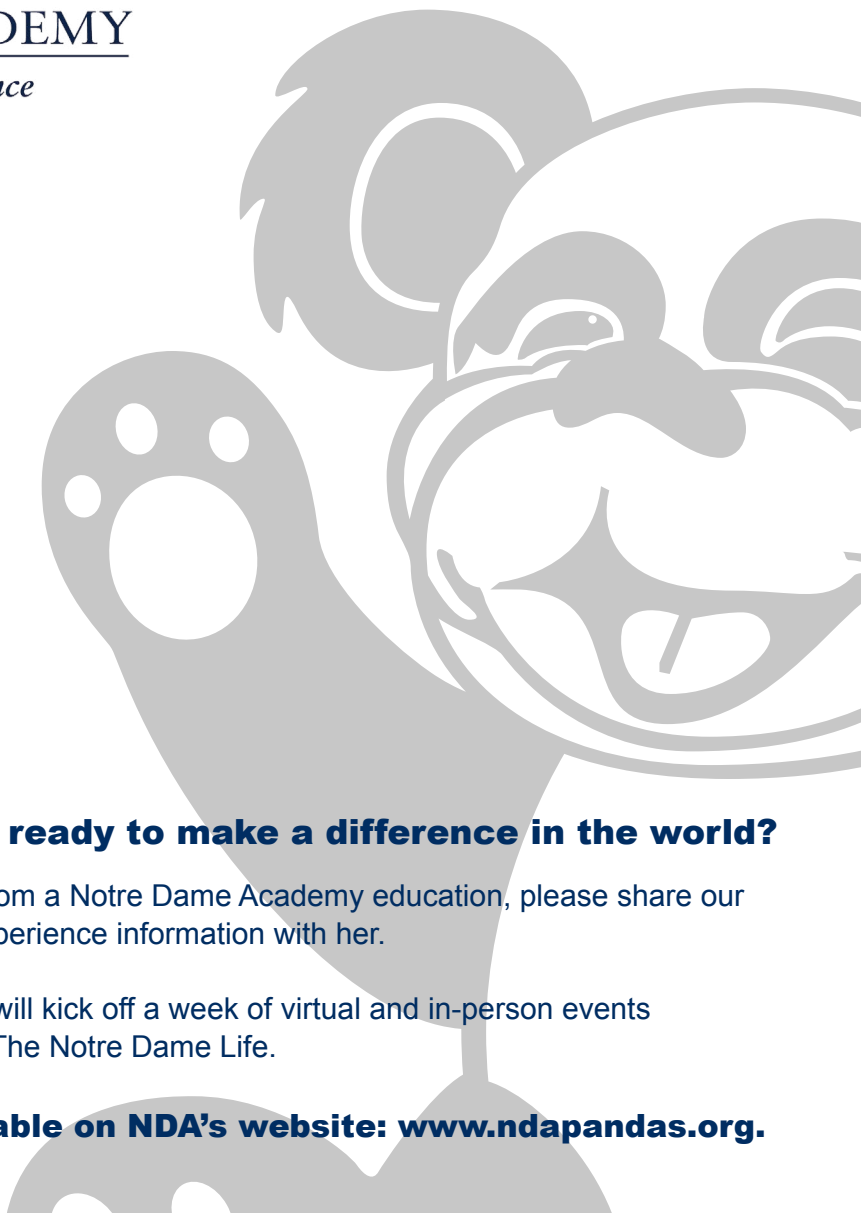
Beginning Sunday, November 8, 2020
@ www.ndapandas.org

Do you know a young woman who is ready to make a difference in the world?

If you know an 8th grade girl who could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education, please share our 2020 Open House Experience information with her.

Beginning on Sunday, November 8, NDA will kick off a week of virtual and in-person events to showcase The Notre Dame Life.

All Open House materials will be available on NDA's website: www.ndapandas.org.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



THOMAS
MORE
UNIVERSITY

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT ◀

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020 (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)

Thomas More and NKU invite you to a Virtual Financial Aid Night for Diocese of Covington seniors and parents.

- Learn about the 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which opened on October 1.
- Hear an update on academic programs and scholarships at TMU and NKU.

Mark Messingschlager, Director of Financial Aid at Thomas More, will give expert guidance for filing your FAFSA and navigating the college financial aid process. A brief Q&A will allow time for questions.

Details and Link: [Virtual Financial Aid Night](#)



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!

Long Island University - Post

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

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

University of Louisville

Thurs, Oct 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

University of the Cumberlands

Monday, October 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

University of Cincinnati

Monday, October 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Louisiana State University

Tues, Oct 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Wednesday, October 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Visit Link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/c3d-d32226c90476480318172592b5a5e>

Gateway Community & Technical College

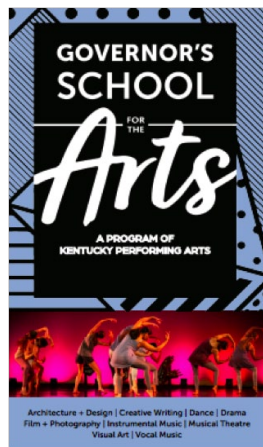
Monday, November 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

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



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

Applications are due to Mrs. Hildreth November 18. Students should utilize the [Helpful Hints Packet](#) found on the [GSP website](#) to complete their application. It contains everything one needs to know to successfully complete an application, as well as informational videos. (GSP strongly recommends viewing these videos!) Mrs. Hildreth will be available on Thursday during Panda Prime Time to review applications and field questions.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

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

KY Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) 2020-21

SIGN UP for Info Sessions [HERE](#) (Registration is FREE but REQUIRED.)

October 29th - GSA APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH - 4:30 pm.

Meet Your Adjudicators (November through December)- Each Art Form has a different session. Registrations FREE but REQUIRED. See the [LIST](#) on pg. 2



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) ◀

GSE has scheduled [Virtual Learning Events](#) this fall for prospective applicants and their families to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process:

Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4-5 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 4-5 pm

Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-5 pm

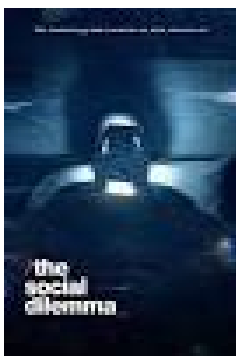
Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4-5 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 pm

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.**

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- October Recommendations: Movie - [The Social Dilemma](#) (available on Netflix) This documentary film explores the rise of social media and its effects society, including data mining, how its design is meant to nurture an addiction, its use in politics, and its effect on mental health (including the mental health of adolescents and rising teen suicide rates).
- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)





DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

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

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN

***“Making the
Right Choice
is Easy!”***



.....UNTIL OCTOBER 30

**SEE THIS VIDEO MADE JUST FOR NDA
PARENTS by SENIOR DANI SHOEMAKE**

**Only 133 students are not in
the club, but there is
STILL TIME!**

**Drug Free Club
Applications will be accepted
through October 30.**

**Sign up
HERE**



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
AUTUMN
Gala
October 17, 2020



Thank you to our Notre Dame Academy community supporting this year's 2020 Autumn Gala Zoom event! It was a wonderful celebration of our mission at NDA. Thanks to those who participated in this year's virtual Gala and the generous support of our event and corporate sponsors, we are able to make a difference in the lives of our young women at Notre Dame Academy!

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

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

▶ Important dates

| | |
|----------------|---|
| October 22 | Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - Virtual |
| October 23 | Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. |
| October 24 | ACT at NDA |
| October 26 | Senior Meeting with Graduate Services |
| October 28 | Common Reader Day |
| October 30 | Halloween Festivities |
| November 2 | No School: All Saints |
| November 3 | No School: Election Day |
| November 6 | Remembrance Mass |
| November 24 | Thanksgiving Prayer Service |
| November 25-27 | No School: Thanksgiving Break |