



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

This is Red Ribbon Week at NDA which not only brings awareness and education of drug use to our students, but also encourages them to participate in drug prevention activities. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that enrollment for NDA's Drug Free Club is open until this Friday, October 30. We have a very active Drug Free Club (DFC) at Notre Dame Academy and I highly encourage you to enroll your daughter in our Drug Free Club if you haven't already done so. You can find further information about how to sign up in the Counseling and Student Services section below.

As we head into another 4-day weekend and with Halloween on Saturday, I strongly encourage our NDA families to follow COVID-19 safety protocols. **It is critically important that we stay focused on the common good and what science tells us about COVID-19: the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.** Parents, we need your help to make this happen. Please encourage your daughter to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies this weekend so that we can continue in person learning at NDA.

As you will see in the information from our school nurse on the next page, we have added a few updated documents from the Diocese. Please be sure to read the updates in these important documents. One section you might want to review in light of any upcoming holiday travel you may be planning is in the [Diocese of Covington Department of Catholic Schools COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#) "Family Trips" section (located on page 13). It states:

- According to the CDC, travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>
- To help keep our school communities safe, all families are discouraged from traveling to another country or state for family trips.
- Families must notify the school of trips that may increase student exposure to COVID-19.
- As a result of traveling, students may be subject to a 14 day quarantine in order to return to school. Considerations for this include the location, trip activities, and the mode of travel.
- Travel that meets any of the following criteria will require a mandatory 14 day quarantine:
 - Travel via public transportation such as plane or bus
 - Travel outside of the United States
 - Travel to the states listed under the Kentucky Department of Health travel advisory. See latest list of states at: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education and for supporting our efforts this school year of *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*.

Have a great week!

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 (859-292-1821 or mcleods@ndapandas.org) or Tina Sizemore, the school nurse, (859-292-1843 or 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.

ALSO: PLEASE SEE THESE UPDATED DOCUMENTS FROM THE DIOCESE OF COVINGTON

[Return to School Requirements - Updated October 19, 2020](#)

[Return to Sports - October](#)

[Miscellaneous School Activities 10-19](#)

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

HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES ◀

On Friday, NDA will engage in Halloween festivities, and students 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 not permitted. Students should contact Mrs. Grayson if they have any questions.

The students will have an adjusted schedule on Friday with 30 minute classes. Then the school will watch a Halloween movie in the afternoon. Prior to the movie students will be go to homerooms to participate in the annual Halloween costume contest. Happy halloween!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Congratulations to sophomore Riley Maddox on winning first place in the poetry category of the Kenton County Public Library's Haunt Your Library Writing Contest.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Show off your Panda Pride with masks, socks, and Panda Buttons! All of these items are 10% off this week at NDA's [online Bambootique!](#)

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.

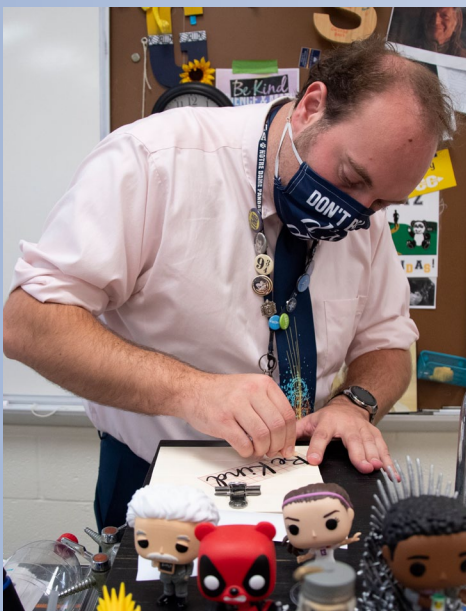
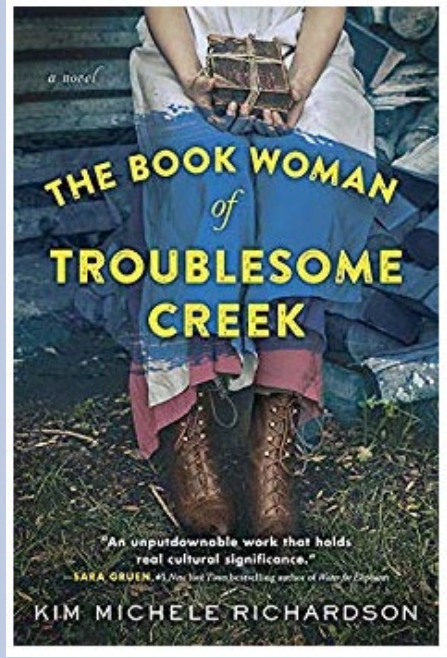


SHOPPING FOR A PANDA? ◀

If you are looking for a great Christmas gift, go to [this website](#). We have school sweatshirt and quarter zips (which can be personalized) available just in time for Christmas. This offer expires on 11/11/20 so don't miss out!

COMMON READER DAY 2020 ◀

Today our community came together to discuss our 2020 Common Reader: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

VOLLEYBALL

Good luck to our Volleyball Pandas! They won the first round of the Region tournament and plays in the semi finals tonight at 8 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country Pandas finished 4th at Regionals and is headed to State this Saturday in Paris, KY.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lauren Carothers was named Penn Station Athlete of the Month! Congrats to Lauren on this well deserved award!



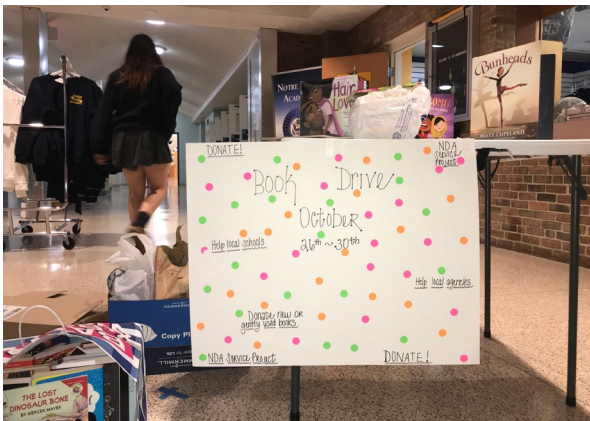
ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

[CLICK HERE](#) 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 30.**

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



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!



COMING SOON... ◀

NDA and CCH present MACBETH! Watch for the full production by the end of October but until then... <https://vimeo.com/469277430>

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.





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.

**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.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



NAVIGATING THE COLLEGE SEARCH IN A COVID WORLD ◀

This virtual event, designed for parents, seniors and juniors, is **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** It is being presented by the Greater Cincinnati College Connection and will address topics like testing for admissions, campus life and campus tour policies. The event is free but registration is required in order to receive a Zoom link. Here is the registration link: [Navigating the College Search in a COVID World](#)

NAVIGO SCHOLARS PROGRAM ◀

The Navigo Scholars Program is opening up for applications on Monday, October 26th. This unique program offers students the opportunity to work with coaches in business fields. The Program is having to do some more virtual type programming this year but will still be offering the following areas of concentration:

- Construction & Skilled Trades (Building Industry Association & Cutter Construction) – in-person/open to Freshmen
- Engineering/Electrical Line Crew/CAD (Duke) – open to Juniors & Seniors
- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering (Toyota) – open to Juniors & Seniors
- Advanced Manufacturing (Milacron) – open to Seniors (*Clermont Co., OH)
- Law Careers (Salmon P. Chase) – open to Juniors
- Business Management & Entrepreneurship (Alluring Glass) – open to Sophomores & Juniors
- Cyber Security (U.S. Bank) – limited # of seniors

For more information [click here](#). For the link to applications click [here](#).



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!



College Rep Visits

Kentucky Wesleyan College

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

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

Campbellsville University

Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Intro Video: [CU Intro](#)

Gateway Community & Technical College

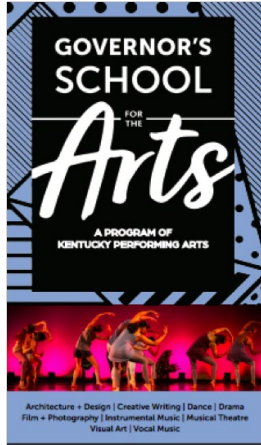
Monday, November 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

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



GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

Applications are due to Mrs. Hildreth November 18. Students should review the [Helpful Hints Packet](#) found on the [GSP website](#) before completing their application. It has information one needs to know to successfully complete the GSP application, and informational videos. **Mrs. Hildreth will be available on Thursdays in the Quad during Panda Prime Time for anyone who would like help with their application.**



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

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.)

Applicant Guides have been released on the [GSA website](#).

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:

- Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 4-5 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

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.**



[@KentuckyGSE | Linktree](#)



DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

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

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT TO JOIN...



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

**OCTOBER 30 is the LAST DAY TO JOIN
NDA's DRUG FREE CLUB**

[SEE THIS VIDEO MADE JUST FOR NDA PARENTS](#)

by [SENIOR DANI SHOEMAKE](#)

Sign up [HERE](#)



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 on society, how it nurtures addiction, and its effect on adolescent mental health.
- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

ACT SCORES FROM DISTRICT OCT 6 ACT ◀

Our seniors and some select juniors that took the ACT in school on October 6th may be discovering that they can see their scores in an already established MyACT account. If a student had not already taken the ACT on a national test date and had not set up an account, the student will not be able to set one up until she gets the paper score report for the test in the mail. I will be providing the students with directions about accessing the scores online if they have an account already or if they will need to wait until they get the paper copy in the mail. There are sometimes glitches in the ACT system with beign able to access scores and students can email ACT with specific issues or questions. Here is is the information from ACT about accessing scores and how to contact them with questions:

[Accessing Scores in MyACT.org](#)

Once the scoring process is completed, students will receive their scores in the mail, if they provided their correct mailing address during testing. Their scores will also be available in MyACT. Their mailed score report will contain a supplement providing them with information on how to create a MyACT account that will successfully link to their state testing scores, using their uniquely assigned ACT ID number included on their mailed report. If your students have trouble creating or accessing their scores, or if they created an account without using their ACT ID number, please have the students contact ACT Customer Care at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/contact-act.html> for assistance.



DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

The October 21st Green Dot Bystander Training provided instruction and practice for 17 students on how to recognize early warning signs of violence in many forms, and proven strategies that prevent bullying dating violence, and sexual assault. These Pandas will continue to promote two of NDA's cultural norms:

- Violence is not tolerated here.
- Everyone is expected to do their part to keep others safe.





Being a local, family owned & operated full service dental practice, the [Dental Center of Florence](#) team works hard to offer you excellent dental care in a warm, friendly & comfortable atmosphere. Our services include every aspect of family, general and cosmetic dentistry including sedation and implant dentistry, teeth whitening & Invisalign. We are the tri-state leader in same day dentures and have the latest dental techniques and technology available, including our on-site denture lab. We invite you to join the many NDA Panda families we care for. To serve your busy life, we have evening and Saturday appointments available. We'll bring a smile to your face "all in a day!" Go Pandas! Corinne Laws, Class of 2021

COMMUNITY NEWS



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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 28	Common Reader Day
October 30	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
	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