



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

As a school community, we continue to prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season. In this, the second week of Advent, we are focusing on peace. I can't think of a better way to celebrate the peace of this holy season than a week with two special days to honor our Blessed Mother. Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and this Saturday we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. I have challenged our students to echo Mary's message of peace this week and to consider how they might bring peace to those around them.

It is hard to believe that we are just over a week away from Christmas break. I am so proud of the way our students are handling this school year. Despite the difficulties COVID-19 continues to present in our lives, they are staying on track and continuing to be engaged in meaningful learning. I would like to thank our dedicated faculty and staff for the tremendous support they are offering our students. Their commitment to the holistic education that NDA provides has truly made the difference.

Our Student Council has been very creative this year in their efforts to bring a little holiday spirit to our student body. Today was Christmas Cheer Day at NDA. Students wore Christmas attire and accessories and in homeroom they showed off masks inspired by ugly Christmas sweaters. They also played a game of Google Meet Pictionary. I want to thank our student leaders for incorporating some Panda fun into our day.

Please encourage your daughter to join us tomorrow morning at 8:40 a.m. as we pray the Rosary before we begin our day. Students can find the link in their bulletin. Also, we will live stream Mass on Friday morning at 8:15 a.m. from our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. A link will be sent out that morning and you are welcome to join us.

Although we are following Plan 3 of our Pandas Return to Campus Plan with Remote Learning @ NDA until we return from Christmas break on January 4, it is very important that you continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family. It will be much easier to facilitate a safe and timely return to in person classes if we have the data we need to fully assess our situation in regard to cases of COVID-19 within our NDA community. Also, if you have travel plans between now and January 4, please review the Travel Advisory Information section of our COVID-19 Information web page [HERE](#). There are specific directives from the Diocese regarding travel and they are posted on our COVID-19 Information web page. If your recent travel meets any of the criteria listed in the Travel Advisory, please notify our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org.

May this holy season of Advent fill you with peace, hope and many special blessings, and may you be reminded of God's presence in your life each day.

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 ◀

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues** involving your family. In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org or Mrs. McLeod in the front office 859.292.1821 or mcleods@ndapandas.org.
- It is important that your daughter continues to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. **PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR DAUGHTER FROM GATHERING WITH FRIENDS DURING THIS TIME.**
- If you are planning to travel anytime throughout the holiday season, please review the Travel Advisory Information section of our COVID-19 Information webpage [HERE](#). There are specific directives from the Diocese of Covington regarding travel which are posted on our COVID-19 Information webpage and can also be found on page 13 of the Diocese of [Covington Department of Catholic Schools COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#).

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

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



Together we can Make a Difference!

As of today, Wednesday, December 9, we have been informed that one of our students one of our faculty members have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last week. As per our requirements, they are in quarantine. We have also been informed by many of our students who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Those students are also in quarantine.

We have consulted with the Diocese of Covington about these recent cases. Since we transitioned to Plan 3 of our Pandas Return to School Plan with Remote Learning @ NDA, contact tracing within our NDA community is not necessary. We thank the families involved for reporting this information and helping to keep our school community safe.

As we move forward, please keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family. It will be much easier to facilitate a safe and timely return to in person classes if we have the data we need to fully assess our situation in regard to cases of COVID-19 within our NDA community. In the event that someone in your household is being tested for COVID-19 or your daughter is exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19, please contact our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org.

STUDENT LIFE



REMOTE LEARNING REQUEST FORM ◀

Students currently enrolled as remote learners at NDA must inform NDA of their intentions for the remainder of the first quarter. In addition, any student electing remote learning for the rest of the quarter must do so by Friday, December 18. [CLICK HERE](#) to inform us of your family's decision for the third quarter.

CHRISTMAS CAMPUS DRIVE THROUGH ◀

All Pandas are asked to drive by campus for a special gift from NDA and Santa Claus next Friday, December 18 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Let's celebrate the end of the second quarter, the start of Christmas break and each of you which makes Notre Dame Academy such a special place! Upon your arrival to campus, pull up to each marked station to receive your special Christmas gifts. Roll down your window and school personnel will hand them to you!

Mask wearing and social distancing practices are expected, so you are reminded to arrive with only one Panda per car (unless living in the same household). Family members are welcome to join in on the fun!

Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Advent reminder for students from Mrs. Price:

Sunday we started the second week of Advent, a week where we focus on Peace. Check out the student bulletin for additional reflections, questions and traditions - particularly surrounding Mary.

Find something this week that helps to bring peace into our world and into your hearts. The Rosary will be offered Monday and Thursday at 8:40 a.m. - links are in the bulletin. Mass will be live streamed at 8:15 a.m. on Friday from our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. We will send out a link to join that morning.

[Here](#) is a great song to set up the week's focus on Mary.

MINDFULNESS MINUTE

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Students, be sure to check out your email each day for a Mindfulness Minute from our counselors. We hope this will give everyone some tools to reduce stress and find calm during your days!

HSPT

High School Placement Test

REGISTRATION

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT) SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020 ◀

All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the High School Placement Test. **As per the Diocese of Covington, this year's HSPT will take place on the original Diocesan-wide testing date: Saturday, December 12, 2020.**

Please click [HERE](#) to access the HSPT registration form. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration.

If your daughter tests at another location her results can be sent to Notre Dame Academy; however, PRIORITY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE HSPT AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.

If you have any questions regarding the HSPT please contact NDA Director of Admissions Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Don't miss out on the "Deal of the Day" all week at NDA's online Bambootique! Today's Deal of the Day: all Christmas shirts are on sale! Long Sleeve: \$16 marked down to \$13 Short Sleeve: \$12 marked down to \$9! Also, you will receive a free clear NDA cup with a straw (\$6.00 value) with a purchase of \$40.00 or more! This promotion runs now thru December 17. REMEMBER: all orders need to be picked up by Friday, December 18. Don't miss the deals at NDA's [online Bambootique!](#)



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

Alumnae Storyboard

ALUMNAE STORYBOARD ◀

The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that you can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world. The Storyboard serves as a source of inspiration and motivation just for you! You can access the Alumnae Storyboard [HERE](#).

LEARN ABOUT AMAZONSMILE AND SUPPORT NDA ◀

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you should know about AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is sign up [HERE](#) and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to Notre Dame Academy! Thanks for supporting NDA!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

ANNUAL ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER

If you ordered coupon books to sell for the athletic fundraiser, you should be in the selling phase. **If you have not picked up your coupon books yet please email Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org to set up a time to pick them up.** You can access the tally sheet and the link to upload it below. **Money for the coupon books is due Friday, January 8, 2021!** If you have any questions regarding the annual athletic fundraiser, please contact NDA Athletic Director, Myanna Webster websterm@ndapandas.org.

Coupon Book Fundraiser Steps

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

GET BOOKS

- 01** Pick up and sign for your books on **MON 11/23 or TUES 11/24**

SELL BOOKS

- 02** Sell to family and friends \$25/book.

FILL OUT TALLY SHEET

- 03** [Fill out tally sheet here](#) with customer info including check and cash amounts collected

UPLOAD TALLY SHEET

- 04** [Upload here](#). MUST be an excel or google sheet.

TURN IN MONEY

- 05** Turn in your money marked with name **ON FRIDAY 1/8**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!

Sales Tips

**2 NDA COUPONS AVAILABLE
\$10 OF \$50 PURCHASE AT
BAMBOOTIQUE**

**"ASSIGNED" OUT OF UNIFORM
DAY**

**PANDA FAVORITES
REALITY TUESDAYS
BUNCHES OF BOWS
BIGGBY COFFEE
SKYLINE
BLINKERS
MACKENZIE RIVER,
SUBSTATION II
WALT'S**

**SOME COUPONS WILL NOT LIST
ALL FRANCHISE LOCATIONS
HOWEVER, SOME FRANCHISES
MAY HONOR THE COUPONS IF
YOU ASK**

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



VIRTUAL COUNSELING SESSION ◀

If you would like to have a virtual counseling session please reach out to one of the personal counselors. At this time we are happy to have a google meet with you before/after school, during a study hall, or during Panda Prime Time.

Mrs. Hildreth (hildrethk@ndapandas.org)

Mrs. Maggard (maggarde@ndapandas.org)



FAMILIES IN NEED ◀

COVID-19 is presenting challenges for many this holiday season. If you are a family in need this Christmas, contact NDA Academic Counselor Chrissy Monohan at monohanc@ndapandas.org.



ACT BOOTCAMP OPPORTUNITIES: ◀

Torchprep will be offering a class to get ready for the Spring District in school ACT test that will be offered to the juniors on March 2, 2021. Here is a link for information about the class that will be offered in Florence at Indiana Wesleyan University Building: [TorchPrep ACT Boot Camp for NDA](#)

[TorchPrep ACT Boot Camp for NDA Flyer](#)

PSAT SCORES ARE OUT FOR SOPHOMORE AND JUNIORS ◀

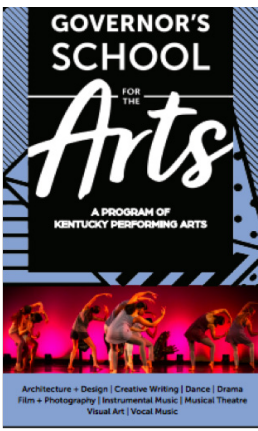
Sophomores and juniors took the PSAT in October during school. Their scores are now ready to be accessed online. Students should receive an email or text message from Collegeboard about their scores. If they did not supply an email or phone number, then they will need to contact Mrs. Monohan to get their access code. Here is a link to PSAT for parents that provides information about the: [PSAT Parent Tutorial](#).

Students were also emailed information from Mrs. Monohan about the test and accessing the scores. The students were provided a video about understanding what the scores mean. Here is a link to the video sent to students: [Video about understanding PSAT scores](#).



GRIEF SUPPORT ◀

Grief Support Groups will be offered for NDA students who have experienced the death of a loved one. Fernside, a nationally acclaimed grief center for children will be conducting these virtual support group sessions in conjunction with NDA. Please contact Mrs. Hildreth for more information if you think your daughter would benefit from this support.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

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

Architecture

Visual Art

Film & Photography

Creative Writing

Instrumental Music

Vocal Music

Musical Theater

Drama

Dance

Meet Your Adjudicators (November through December)

Registration for each Art Form is FREE but REQUIRED. See second page for the [LIST](#).

December 17 - Virtual Info Session: Open Q&A - 4:30 p.m.

A final opportunity to ask questions via webinar (but remember you can contact GSA anytime at gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org) [REGISTRATION FREE but REQUIRED AT THIS LINK](#).

January 10, 2021 - GSA 20210 Application due by 11:59 p.m.

Applicants are encouraged to upload their applications before this date. GSA offices will not be staffed over the weekend and we will not be accessible to answer questions after Jan. 8th.

February 19, 2021 - GSA 2021 Finalists Announced

All applicants will be notified of whether they have advanced to the final round of adjudication.



GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN! ◀

Click to [Learn more and apply to GSE](#), which will take place on the campus of Northern KY University June 6-26, 2021.

Apply between Nov. 16, 2020 and January 25, 2021. Current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students can apply.

GSE is hosting virtual information sessions this fall for prospective applicants and their families.

Click to [REGISTER for Info Sessions](#)



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

[Healing Your Grieving Heart: 100 Practical Ideas](#)

by Alan D. Wolfelt

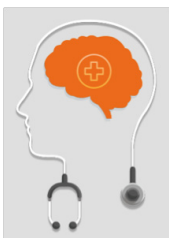
Geared for mourning adults, teens, or children, this book provides ideas and action-oriented tips that teach the basic principles of grief and healing. These ideas and activities are aimed at reducing the confusion, anxiety, and personal void so that living their lives can begin again.

Plus:

[Destigmatize Your Discourse](#)

[How to Talk About Addiction](#)

[1N5](#) is a local mental health nonprofit working to engage our local community.





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COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Live the Love Mother Daughter Program
- 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

December 9	Christmas Cheer!
December 12	HSPT and ACT at NDA
December 18	2nd Quarter Ends
December 21	Christmas Break Begins
January 4	In Person Classes Resume