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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! This week our students returned to campus ready for new opportunities for success. As a community of life-long learners, we are always reflecting on ways improve and further develop ourselves. With the start of a new year and a new semester at Notre Dame Academy, we are partnering with our students to help them think critically about how they can set new goals and make new connections.

It has been an unprecedented start of our second semester with the new Omicron variant and the surge of COVID-19 cases across the world and in our own region. It is difficult to believe that the incidence rate of COVID-19 in Kentucky has nearly tripled since our last edition of the Panda Press Weekly on December 15. As you will see below, we are feeling the impact of that with the highest incidence of COVID-19 infections at NDA since the beginning of the pandemic. Our nurses and front office personnel are doing an incredible job managing the high number of COVID-19 cases within our community. Our faculty and staff are also doing their best to be flexible, adaptable and creative as we navigate the challenges of this recent COVID-19 surge. I would like to thank everyone in our community for doing their part to keep each other safe and healthy. As a Catholic school, we strive to create a culture of looking beyond ourselves and seeking what is good for all. Although we long for a return to normalcy, given the most recent developments with the virus, we must continue to think of others and do our best to follow protocols and procedures that help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

As I have said before, I cannot remember a time when the partnership we have with our parents has been so vital to the education of our students. It is critically important that we continue to work together to keep our students safe and engaged in meaningful learning. Open and honest communication is key to our success.

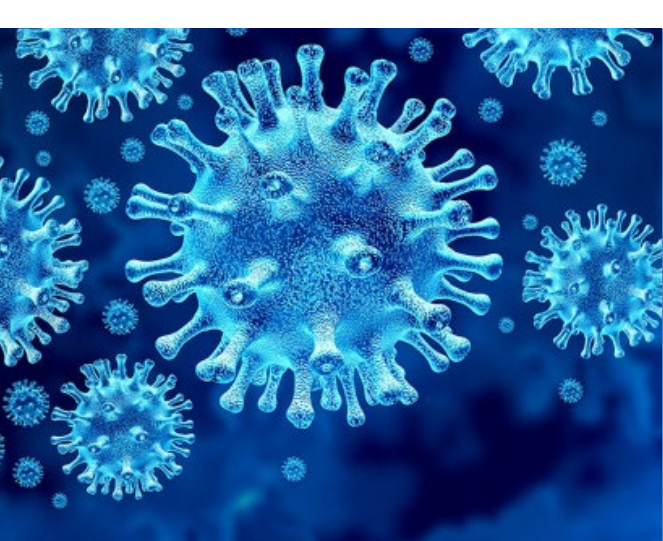
Please be assured that the spiritual, academic, emotional and physical wellbeing of your daughter is at the heart of every decision we make at NDA. We thank you for your continued support and we wish our students and school families a healthy and productive 2022!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!



WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, January 5, we have had 25 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have had 3 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

As we move forward, 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 one of our school nurses, Tina Sizemore, RN. or Melanie Martin, RN., at 859.292.1843 | ndanurse@ndapandas.org.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Parents,

As you can see in the data above, we are experiencing the highest incidence of COVID-19 infections at NDA since the beginning of the pandemic. It is critical to our goal of continuing in-person instruction at NDA that parents and students communicate any COVID-19 related issues involving your family to our office. While we could not have anticipated the current COVID-19 infection rate and testing issues, we are doing our very best to follow COVID-19 mitigation protocols that will keep our students healthy and safe while continuing to experience in-person learning.

DAILY ASSESSMENT: Before students report to school each day, a daily health assessment should be conducted. Any student who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to school and contact their doctor and our school office (859-292-1821). If your daughter is experiencing an illness other than COVID-19, please keep her at home until she is fever free for 24 hours and she feels well enough to return to school.

CLOSE CONTACT and POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST: In the event that your daughter is exposed to COVID-19, please contact our school nurses at 859.292.1843 or ndanurse@ndapandas.org. We will continue to follow the [Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements for the 2021-22 School Year](#). **PLEASE NOTE:** The best way to combat COVID-19 is by getting vaccinated. If your daughter is 16 or older and was vaccinated more than 6 months ago, she will also need to get the COVID-19 booster to be fully protected. The FDA has expanded emergency use for the Pfizer booster for 12-15 year olds and it is anticipated that the CDC will approve the Pfizer booster for 12-15 year olds very soon. Please keep in touch with your pediatrician about best practice for protecting your daughter from COVID-19.

MASKING AT SCHOOL: As per the updated *Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements*, we will determine the upcoming week's masking status based on the data released by the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH) on Thursday of each week. If Kenton County is designated as High Community Transmission (Red Zone) by the KDPH, NDA will require masks beginning the following Monday for 7 days. If NDA has 5 COVID-19 cases with increasing illness at NDA, regardless of the KDPH transmission designation, NDA will implement a mask requirement until case activity decreases. Currently Kenton County is in the **RED ZONE** at 128.1 - High Community Transmission (>25+ per 100K), therefore MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT NDA January 3 - 9, 2022.

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Student Life

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Inclement Weather

Winter weather is upon us! Please note that NDA uses an emergency notification system (SwiftK-12) and local media to inform students and parents of school delays or closings, changes to the school schedule or other important or urgent information.

Parents and/or guardians provided the school office with their preferred method of notification for school delays or closings and other urgent communications through Final Forms at the beginning of the school year. These methods include receiving school emergency notifications via phone, text, email or social media. The school website will be updated with current delay/closing information as needed.

IT'S SHOW TIME!

CSW TALENT SHOW

Our annual Talent Show is coming up on February 4. Registration forms are due on January 21 and can be found [HERE](#). Some ideas of talents to share include...

- Singing
- Dancing
- Playing an instrument
- Performing a monologue or a skit
- Juggling
- Comedy Act
- ...and so many more!

We are looking forward to seeing the many talents of our Pandas!



REGISTER TODAY

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 4 for NDA's Father/Daughter Dance! CLICK [HERE](#) to register by Monday, January 24.



PENNY WAR

SUPPORT FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

The NDA Penny War runs all this week and benefits tornado relief in Western Kentucky. Our goal is to reach \$5,000 to help those affected.

The rules are simple: pennies and cash count as positive and silver coins count as negative. It is a grade competition so you will want to put the positives in your grade and the negatives in other grades.

Let's make a difference Pandas! Bring in those pennies!

PENNY WAR!



2 WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

We are moving toward more self-service in the cafeteria as we did prior to COVID-19. Once we have the necessary personnel to staff the cafeteria, we will be adding the salad bar and the use of trays back into our lunchtime routine. **If you are interested in working in NDA's dish room through our Work Study Program, (M,T,H,F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | W: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) please contact our cafeteria manager at ndahr@ndapandas.org.** You can find NDA's lunch menu [HERE](#). Please note: the menu is subject to change as there are many shortages in the food industry.

PARENTS, please check your daughter's lunch account and to pay overdue balance as soon as possible.

CLEARANCE

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Check out the new clearance items this week in the Bambootique! Things are going fast! You can shop online [HERE](#).



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

The 2022 NDA Yearbook, *Make it Count*, is available for pre-order at jostens.com (pick up link if available). The book will cover the entire year through graduation and will arrive in the fall of 2022.

The 2021 NDA Yearbook, *Together*, is still available in limited quantities in the school office. Books are \$70; please make checks payable to NDA.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

This week we will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 7:20 a.m. tomorrow and Friday. All are welcome to join us!



WE GATHER IN CHRIST NEW YEAR'S MASS

Our school community will gather for our New Year's Mass next Monday, December 10, in the morning.



20 + C + M + B + 22 EPIPHANY BLESSING

Fr. Kunath and Fr. Hainsey will be coming around to bless our classrooms on Tuesday, January 4 after the 8:00 a.m. New Year's Mass.



FORMING SERVANT LEADERS JUNIOR SERVICE

Our juniors will be taking part in an adapted version of the Junior Service Program this year. They have been split into groups that will alternate weeks out to service during their service block. Go make a difference juniors!

Make a Difference!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREATS

Our second senior retreat will be held January 18-20, and our third junior retreat will take place on Saturday, January 22 in our Chapel at NDA. Please pray for our students and they continue to grow in their Catholic faith through their retreat experiences.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

RIGHT ON TARGET!

NDA PANDA ARCHERY



On December 29, the Archery Pandas competed in the Covington Catholic Tournament. The team shot 2946 which included 78 tens. Nine Archers shot a personal season high. The Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi who shot a 286. Ellie also shot a perfect score of 50 at ten meters and also shot a perfect 50 at 15 meters. Congratulations Ellie! Next for the Pandas were Megan Paolucci at 266, Natalie Lovell at 264, Ella Weitzel at 264 and Kaitlyn Eberhart at 253. Next up for the team is this Saturday, January 8 at Ryle High School. Congratulations Pandas and keep up the great work! ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!

Below: Keira Schneider displays her 280 pin, Ellie Puglisi displays her 280 pin and her perfect 50 pins and Morgan Russell shows off her archery "mustache"





AQUA PANDAS

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Good luck to our Swimming and Diving Pandas! They will compete in 6 meets this month! They head into Regionals in early February.



SEE THEM PLAY

BASKETBALL PANDAS

Basketball plays tonight against Simon Kenton in a triple header and then next week they have home games on January 11 and 14 against Mercy and then Cooper.

Congratulations to senior Macie Feldman who scored her 1,000 point over the break against DuPont Manual! Way to go Macie!



CONGRATULATIONS

GIRLS SOCCER COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Suli Kayed on being named United Soccer Coaches Girl's High School Regional Coach of the Year for the Private/Parochial Classification. This is a very prestigious honor for Coach Kayed and Notre Dame Academy's Soccer Program. The award will be presented at the annual High School Coaches Breakfast on Friday, January 21, 2022, at the Marriott Imperial Ballroom in Kansas City, in conjunction with the United Soccer Coaches Convention.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



CLEP

COLLEGE BOARD

Did you know that College Board - the same organization that administers high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses - ALSO administers College Level Examination Programs (CLEP), another way for high school students to earn college credits?!! [CLEP](#) offers 34 exams that cover introductory level college course material. With a passing score on one CLEP exam, students can earn three or more college credits at 2,900 U.S. colleges and universities. See their website for more information.



GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Applications for GSE - the Governor's School for entrepreneurs - are due on Monday, January 24. This free and exciting summer program is open to current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors! This application consists of a 2-minute video, short answer questions, and 2 adult recommendations! Visit the website or stop by the Quad for more information.



GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

All GSA (Governor's School for the Arts) Applications are due this Friday, January 9! We are hoping that many of our students are applying, as GSA has doubled the number of students they will be accepting this year!



ADVANCING OUR MISSION

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#SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS

FILL THE GAP

We recognize tuition is a significant, sacrificial expenditure for families; however, we ask for additional contributions to the school, specifically to the Annual Fund, because tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Each NDA student benefits from this tuition gap of \$2,420. Contributions to the Notre Dame Academy Annual Fund help fill this funding gap and allow us to continue to provide a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community.

Please join us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world by prayerfully considering a donation to the 2021-22 Notre Dame Academy Annual Fund. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online.

Your gift will help “fill the gap” and ensure access to a Catholic education at NDA by directly supporting our students. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy!

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- NDA Golf Outing
- Autumn Gala

Contact Denise Bowman at bowmand@ndapandas.org
or

[Click Here for more information](#)



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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 read the latest NDA Alumnae Storyboard feature [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY



NEWS

SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- Positions Available at Catholic Schools in the DOC
- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

January 6	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 7	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
January 10	New Year Mass-
January 17	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day
January 18	Senior Retreat
January 21	March for Life
	Prayer for Penance Prayer Service
January 22	JR retreat
January 28-30	Showcase
January 31	Catholic Schools Week begins
	CSW Mass/Nunday Monday/Sisters' Reception
February 2	NDA vs. CCH volleyball game
February 4	Mid-quarter
	Talent Show
	Father/Daughter Dance