



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I have been very impressed with our students' excitement and enthusiasm as they celebrate their Catholic education at NDA this week. On Monday we gathered for an all school Mass where we honored our sponsors, the Sisters of Notre Dame. At NDA, we are blessed with a rich legacy of academic excellence established by the SNDs 116 years ago. We would like to thank the Sisters for their dedication to Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy and for treating our students to ice cream on Monday in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Tonight is our annual NDA/CCH charity volleyball game benefitting the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky (ESNKY). This is a wonderful way for our community to make a difference during this special week.

I would like to thank our faculty and staff for their strong commitment to Catholic education. In addition to dedicating their time and talent to educating our students at NDA, **79% of our faculty and staff have generously donated to our 2021-22 Annual Fund.** Their overwhelming show of support for the important work that we do here at NDA is very much appreciated. As Principal/Interim President, I am humbled by their generosity and I feel privileged to work with such an amazing faculty and staff.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you, our parents, for supporting excellence at Notre Dame Academy. Many of you have already contributed to this year's Annual Fund helping to "fill the \$2420 gap" between tuition and the actual cost of a Notre Dame Academy education. If you have not already done so, I would ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a donation to our 2021-22 Annual Fund.

**Currently 6% of our parents have contributed to the Annual Fund and we would love to see that grow to 50% by the end of Catholic Schools Week. If you would like to help us "fill the gap" with a donation to the 2021-22 Annual Fund, you can do so online [HERE](#). Each and every gift makes a difference in ensuring the sustainability of an NDA education for all young women of the Greater Cincinnati Area.**

You should have received an email from me earlier today making you aware of a situation that took place this morning at NDA. At approximately 9:30 a.m. we were alerted by local law enforcement of a bank robbery in the area. As is our protocol, we immediately put NDA on a *Secure in Place* securing our building and everyone at NDA from any external threat. Within 20 minutes we received an *all clear* message from local law enforcement. We then ended the *Secure in Place* and continued our day. We work hard to have protocols in place for these crisis situations. I am happy to report that our community acted promptly and effectively keeping in mind that our priority is the safety and well being of our students, faculty and staff.

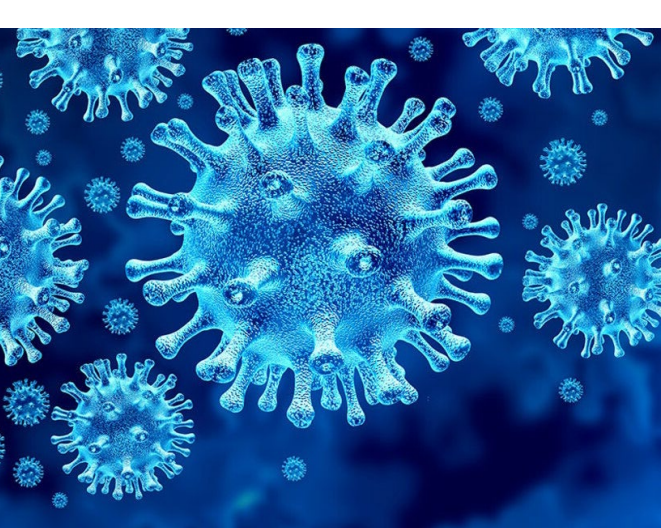
**Please note that beginning today after school our updated mask policy will go into effect. Due to the low number of reported COVID cases this week, NDA we will move to a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required. I would like to thank our school community for their support of our COVID-19 mitigation strategies at NDA. Together, we have kept each other safe and healthy.**

As we celebrate our NDA Catholic community, please know that we are most grateful for the commitment of our parents to Catholic education. Thank you for choosing a Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy for your daughter!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## WEEKLY UPDATE

# COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, February 2, we have had 2 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have had 0 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](mailto:ndanurse@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

# COVID-19 INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

As you can see above in our weekly COVID-19 update, we have only had 2 new reported cases of a members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week at NDA and we have had 0 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

**Due to the low number of reported COVID cases this week and the decline we have seen in positive cases over the last few weeks, we will move to a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY today at the end of the school day. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required.**

We will stay the course and continue to monitor and report weekly cases of COVID-19 at NDA on Wednesdays in the Panda Press Weekly. We have used our weekly data to guide us in developing our COVID-19 policies and protocols for nearly two years and that practice has served us well. Our hope is that we will continue to see a low incidence of positive cases.

Please note that members of our community who are returning to campus after testing positive for COVID-19 will still be required to wear a mask as per the following guidelines:

### **Positive COVID-19 Test (With symptoms)**

- Stay home and isolate for 10 days from the date symptoms began
- Isolation may be shortened if symptoms fully resolve. You may resume activities after day 5 on the first day without symptoms (Must be fever free for 24 hours)
- Wear a mask for 10 days since the start of symptoms

### **Positive COVID-19 Test (No symptoms)**

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days from the date of your test
- Wear a mask for an additional 5 days

Please keep in mind, COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are our best defense against the virus. You can view the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccine booster shots on the CDC's website [HERE](#). Please keep our office informed of information regarding your daughter receiving a COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster shot.

Also, please continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your daughter and/or your family. If you have any health related questions or concerns, please contact one of us at 859.292.1843 or [ndanurse@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndanurse@ndapandas.org).

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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**Parents, help “fill the gap” to make Catholic education more accessible and available to students at Notre Dame Academy.**



Each year we ask our NDA parents to support our Annual Fund. We recognize that tuition is a significant, sacrificial expenditure for families; however, we ask for additional contributions 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.

*“Every investment, no matter how great or small, increases and sustains NDA’s ability to provide a high caliber single gender education and continue to develop women that will make a positive impact in our world.” - Current NDA Parent*



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
ANNUAL FUND**

**2021-22 Annual Fund  
Participation:**

**Faculty/Staff 79%  
Board of Directors 60%  
Current Parents 6%**

**Give Online at**

[www.ndapandas.org/support-nda/make-a-donation](http://www.ndapandas.org/support-nda/make-a-donation)

If you would like to support the 2021-22 Annual Fund, click on the link above to make a secure donation online now

OR

you can donate using Venmo with the NDA Venmo QR code

(Please indicate “NDA Annual Fund”)



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**How to make a Matching Gift:**

- Make your donation to NDA
- Check [HERE](#) to see if your employer has a matching gift program
- Submit matching gift request to employer
- Contact the NDA Advancement Department to notify them of your matching gift request
- Company sends matching gift to NDA.



# Student Life

## PLEASE READ UPDATED MASK POLICY

Due to the low number of reported COVID cases this week, NDA will move to a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY beginning TODAY, FEBRUARY 2, at 3:15 p.m. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## REMINDER LATE START ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Sleep in on Friday Pandas! Classes start at 9:00 a.m.



## ORDER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

The 2022 NDA Yearbook, *Make it Count*, is available for pre-order at [jostens.com](http://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.



## 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. All are welcome to join us!



## SAVE ON TUITION! WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).

# \$AVING\$!

COZY COST!

## BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Don't miss the Deal of the Week at the Bambootique: Flannel Shirts and Sweatshirt Ponchos - ONLY \$20.00. Shop online for this hot deal [HERE](#).



DELICIOUS NEWS!

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#). Please note: the menu is subject to change as there are many shortages in the food industry.

MONDAY, 2-7-22	CHICKEN STRIPS GREEN BEANS & FRUIT
TUESDAY, 2-8-22	PEPPERONI CALZONES VEGETABLE & FRUIT
WEDNESDAY, 2-9-22	BUFFALO CHICKEN WRAP CHIPS & FRUIT
THURSDAY, 2-10-22	TACO VEGETABLE & FRUIT
FRIDAY, 2-11-22	PIZZA CORN & FRUIT



KENTUCKY SCHOOL CHOICE BILLS

## ED CHOICE

House Bill 305 and Senate Bill 50 have been filed and would expand educational choice for Kentucky families. Please call or email your State Representative and Senator today and ask them to support and co-sponsor these bills. You can call 1-800-372-7181 and the operator will leave a message for your State Representative and Senator based on your home address.

Education Opportunity Accounts are privately funded by citizens and businesses who donate to non-profit Account Granting Organizations (AGOs). The AGOs then use the donations to award needs-based funding to eligible families. Funding can be tailored to a student's specific needs and used for K-12 non-public school tuition and fees, online learning programs, tutoring services, therapy programs, transportation to and from school, and more. HB 305 and SB 50 would expand this program to every county in Kentucky and would increase the size of the program so that more families can apply.





## IMPORTANT UPDATES!

# FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

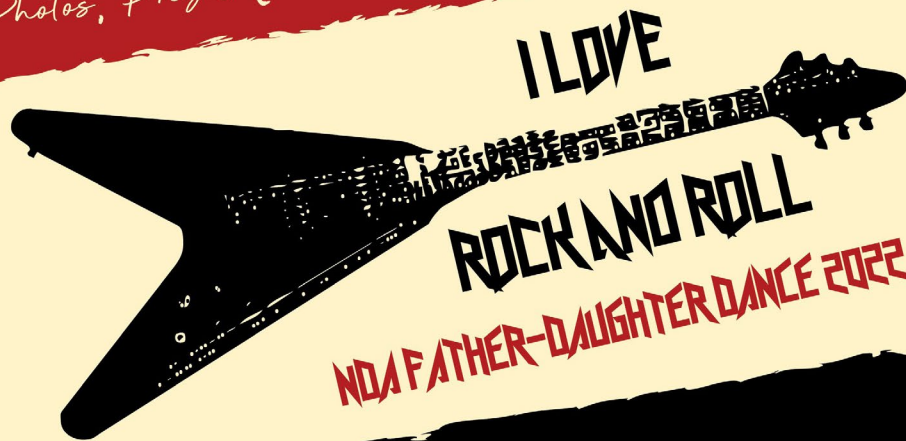
NDA is looking forward to the Father/Daughter Dance this Friday. Since registration began, some adjustments have been made to this event. **Students in all grade levels are welcome to attend during one session which begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m.** We will no longer be holding two separate sessions. Heavy apps and hor d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening.

A huge THANK YOU to Receptions' staff who has been extremely accommodating to the adjustments we have made to ensure a safe and healthy event for our students and their fathers/guardians. We hope you enjoy the evening!

## ALSO,

NDA's Father Daughter Dance is coming up this Friday and we need your help! We are in need of candy and dessert donations. Please see the signup [HERE](#). You may drop off items in advance to the school office with a note stating "Father Daughter Dance". You may also drop any items at Receptions on Friday, February 4 beginning at 9 a.m. until about noon. You can also bring items to Receptions just prior your dance start time. Any and all help is appreciated! Please contact Crystal Pohlman at 859-468-7110 with any questions.

*Food, Fun, DJ, Dancing,  
Photos, Prizes (masks required)*



**NDA FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE 2022**

**DATE:** Friday, February 4, 2022

**TIME:** NEW TIME! ONE SESSION for All grade levels!  
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Receptions Event Center  
1379 Donaldson Highway, Erlanger, KY 41018

**RSVP:** by Monday, January 24, 2022  
[www.NDApandas.org](http://www.NDApandas.org)

**COST:** \$25 per person

**QUESTIONS:** Crystal Pohlman 859-468-7110

**IMPORTANT UPDATE!** →

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



RIGHT ON TARGET!

## NDA PANDA ARCHERY

Senior Megan Paolucci has accepted an Archery Scholarship at Thomas More University. Megan, who is also a member of the Notre Dame Honor Choir plans to participate in the choral program at Thomas More and will major in mathematics. Congratulations Megan!

The Archery Pandas will shoot this weekend at the Twenhofel Tournament and the Simon Kenton Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!





# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## Earn College Credit with CLEP

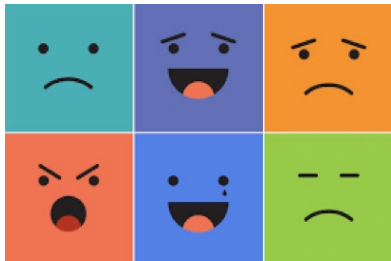
Register to take a CLEP exam and receive college credit at 2,900 colleges.



### EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

## COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAMS (CLEP)

CLEP, is 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.** Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



### SUPPORTING OUR PARENTS

## MANAGING STRESS AND COPING WITH CHALLENGES

Click [HERE](#) to find practical tips to help children develop skills to manage their emotions. It explains the difference between self-regulation and self-control, and why self-regulation is so important.

Also, from the same Center for Parent and Teen Communication, there is this article about [CREATING A STRESS MANAGEMENT PLAN](#).



### LOCAL EXCURSIONS

## PANDAVERSITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Pandaversity is celebrating Black History Month by visiting and exploring places throughout the month that are a part of our local black history: St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cincinnati, the National Underground Railroad and Freedom Center, the Harriet Beecher Stow House, and a production by the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra called "Rags to Riches."

In the photo to the left, you can see Pandaversity enjoying samples at their meetings from recipes available in their upcoming Cultural Cookbook!



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION



## THE ALL-GIRL ADVANTAGE

At an All-Girls' School...



There is a culture of achievement where academic progress is tremendously important!

### INCOMING FRESHMEN

## PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD

**The NDA Freshman Priority Application period is from January 3, 2022 – February 11, 2022.**

All-girls' schools offer enormous value to their students, value that cannot be duplicated in other school settings. At an all-girls' school, young women learn self-confidence, leadership skills, and they excel in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics and science.

If you have an 8th grade daughter who is interested in applying as an incoming freshman for the 2022-2023 school year, you can find our Application for Admission [HERE](#).

Students who apply for admission during the Priority Application Period have a better chance of receiving seats in high-demand classes such as Art I and some foreign language classes.

Students who apply during this period are included in a drawing for a free iPad credit or a \$500 tuition voucher. Incoming freshmen who are eligible for academic scholarships must apply for admission by the priority deadline in order to confirm receipt of their scholarship.

[Visit St. Elizabeth Sports Medicine](#)

Whether you're training for a half marathon, playing a round of golf or coaching your child's baseball team, we know you're always on the move. Occasionally, your body can get out of balance from all the jumping, swinging, running and moving that everyday life requires. The sports medicine experts at St. Elizabeth Healthcare are here to help restore that balance. If you have a strain in your back or joint pain in your ankle, our team of specialists provides comprehensive, personalized sports medicine care to help you get back to the top of your game, quickly and safely.





# COMMUNITY



## NEWS

SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- SND USA NSNO Position Available
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?
- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students

## Important dates

February 2	Diocesan Mass
	NDA vs. CCH volleyball game
February 4	Mid-quarter
	Talent Show
	Father/Daughter Dance
February 9	Alumnae Mentoring Session #2
February 11	Priority Registration for Incoming Freshmen ends 4:00 p.m.
February 20	SND Pancake Breakfast
February 21	NO SCHOOL: President's Day
	Students can begin registering in PowerSchool
February 22	Senior Retreat #3
March 3	Women Making A Difference Luncheon
March 5	Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen
March 8	Super Day
	Sophomore Ring Ceremony
March 12	Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen