



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Last week after our Catholic Schools Week Mass, I took the opportunity to speak to our students about a recent experience I had attending the Sisters of Notre Dame Global Catholic Education Conference. The conference, *Cultivating a Culture of Encounter and Care*, focused on how Catholic education can promote the seven commitment areas that Pope Francis outlined in the *Global Compact on Education*. In this document, Pope Francis invites everyone who cares about education to sign a Global Pact, creating a worldwide change of mentality through education.

In the *Global Compact on Education*, the Pope shared seven areas or commitments to transform education:

- To make the human person the center of every educational program
- To listen to the voices of children and young people
- To encourage the full participation of girls and young women in education
- To see in the family, the first and essential place of education
- To educate and be educated on the need for acceptance of the most vulnerable and marginalized
- To find new ways of understanding economy, politics, growth, and progress that can truly stand at the service of the human person and,
- To safeguard and cultivate our common home

I took a great deal away from this 3-day SND conference, especially the obvious parallels between Pope Francis' *Global Compact on Education* and the educational principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Attending this SND conference not only helped me rekindle my dedication to education but it also reaffirmed for me the work we are doing here at Notre Dame Academy. As you know, each school year we focus on one of the four educational principles as Sisters of Notre Dame. In doing so, we are preparing young women to be responsible servant leaders who fully participate in life as kind and compassionate global citizens.

We are blessed at NDA to be a Catholic high school grown in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

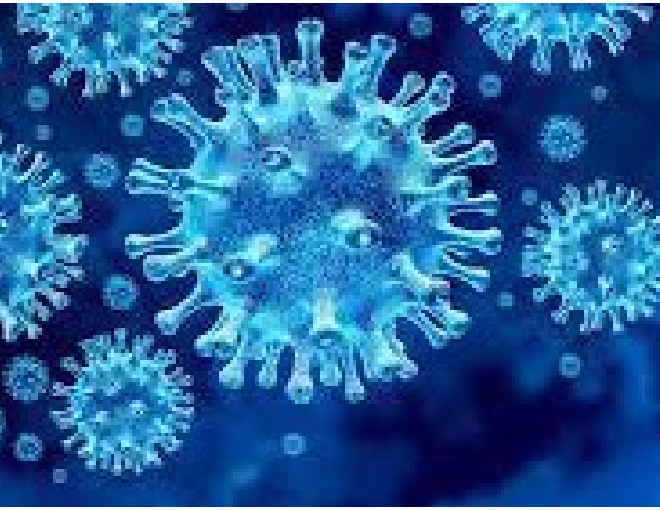
In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Sisters of Notre Dame
of the United States

The Educational Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame

THE CENTRALITY OF A GOOD AND PROVIDENT GOD
THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EACH PERSON AS AN IMAGE OF GOD
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AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION



WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, February 9, 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.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES COVID-19 INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

This week at NDA we are continuing to see fewer COVID cases than were reported since the start of 2022. This is reflective of what we are seeing in the community at large. Our hope is that we will continue to see a decline in the reported incidence of positive cases both at NDA and in our region.

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 continue with a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY at NDA. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required.

Our best advice for students and families is to get vaccinated and stay current on your vaccine booster shots. You can view the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 vaccine booster shots on the CDC's website here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>. Please keep our office informed of information regarding your daughter receiving a COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster shot. Keep in mind the quarantine details of our [Isolation and Quarantine Procedures](#) at NDA:

Exposure to COVID-19 Home or Outside of School (Vaccinated*)

- Continue school, work, or activities if symptom-free
- Wear a mask for 10 days
- If symptoms develop, isolate and get a COVID-19 test

Exposure to COVID-19 Home or Outside of School (Not vaccinated*)

- Quarantine for 5 days
 - For a home exposure, the quarantine period begins when the COVID positive case can isolate from the household members or the positive case has recovered
- May resume activities after five days if you have no symptoms
- Wear a mask for an additional 5 days
- If symptoms develop, isolate and get a COVID-19 test

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.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Tina Sizemore, RN.
NDA School Nurse
ndanurse@ndapandas.org

Melanie Martin, RN.
NDA School Nurse
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Student Life

FEBRUARY 14

LATE START ON MONDAY

We know our Pandas will be cheering for the Bengals on Sunday therefore, we will have a **LATE START ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**. We will follow a delayed schedule with school beginning at 9:00 a.m.

If the Bengals win, it will be a dress-down day and students are permitted to wear Bengals attire.

PLEASE NOTE

CONTINUED!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The Catholic Schools Week volleyball game between Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic was a fun and successful event. While CCH won two out of the three matches, together we were able to raise \$2,889 for the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky!



As part of our rescheduled Catholic Schools Week celebrations, we had Chick-fil-A for lunch on Tuesday. It is always fun to treat ourselves!



The rest of our Catholic Schools Week activities have been rescheduled throughout the week. Today we celebrated Decades Day. Students were encouraged to dress in styles from the '80s (Seniors), '90s (Juniors), 2000s (Sophomores), and 2010s (Freshmen). Thursday students will be encouraged to wear a t-shirt with a "white lie" about themselves with their skirts and on Friday we will have our Talent Show as well as wearing Bengals gear to prepare for Sunday's Super Bowl! We are looking forward to celebrating the many talents of our students and faculty!



ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

SENIOR PARENT LETTERS NEEDED

The Senior Mission Retreat is quickly approaching and we are asking for the Senior Parent's help for one activity. Found [HERE](#) is the email that was sent this week regarding a Parent Letter. These letters are due back to NDA by February 25.



ORDER BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE 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.



ALL ARE WELCOME MORNING MASS

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!



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.

\$AVING\$!

TEN DOLLAR DEALS BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Don't miss the Deal of the Week at the Bambootique: Hooded Pom Pom Shirt and Preppy Patch T-shirt - both for just \$10 each. Shop online for this great deal here: <https://bambootique.ndapandas.org/>.



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.



CONGRATULATIONS! SCHOLASTIC WINNERS 2021

Congratulations to our very talented young writers and artists who recently received awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.



WRITING AWARDS

Gold Key

- Critical Essay
Clara Heberling
- Poetry
Hannah Renaker (2, including American Voices Nominee)

Silver Key

- Flash Fiction
Clara Heberling
- Personal Essay and Memoir
Kate Wainscott
- Poetry
Hannah Renaker (2)
Isabelle Fettig (2)
Jaden Conner
Klaire Eckhardt
- Short Story
Clara Heberling

Honorable Mention

- Critical Essay
Jaden Conner
Klaire Eckhardt
- Flash Fiction
Ava Middendorf (2)
- Personal Essay and Memoir
Cathrine Ghazala
Clara Heberling
Emily Walden
- Poetry
Grace Heberling
Hannah Renaker (2)
Jessica Igel
Kaitlyn Eberhart
Keira Laudick
Kelsey Weil
Jimmie Woeste
Natalie Lovell
Ryan Baker
Sophia Santos
Zoe Rassati
- Science Fiction and Fantasy
Clara Heberling

ART AWARDS

Silver Key

- Mixed Media
Gabrielle White
- Sculpture
Gabrielle White

Honorable Mention

- Photography
Kora Hammersmith (3)
- Painting
River Hammersmith



CONGRATULATIONS! HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE CHOIR

This past weekend, senior Molly Chun participated in the High School All-State Choir concert at the annual Kentucky Music Educators Association conference in Louisville, KY. Along with Zach Brown and Will Ziegler from Covington Catholic High School, Molly sang in this concert with 600 students representing 100 different schools from Kentucky. Congratulations on this achievement, Molly!



IMPORTANT UPDATE! FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

The 2022 Father Daughter dance has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 26 at Receptions. If you are no longer able to attend the dance and have already paid, please notify Meghan Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.org to cancel your registration and to get a full refund. If you can now attend Father Daughter, you can register [HERE](#). Registrations and cancellations are due by Wednesday, February 16.

**IMPORTANT
UPDATE!** ⇨

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

I LOVE
ROCK AND ROLL
NDA FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE 2022

DATE: NEW Date! Saturday, February 26
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 Wednesday, February 16, 2022
[HERE](#)

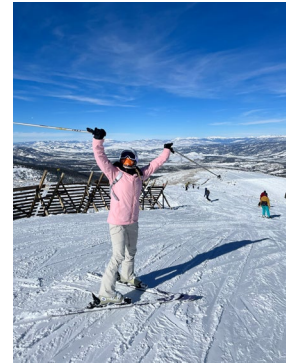
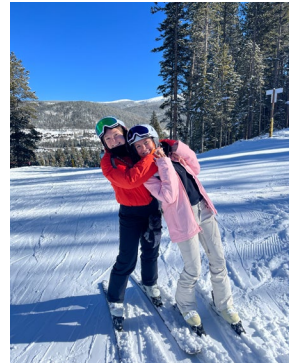
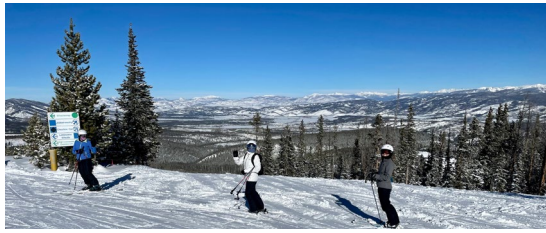
COST: \$25 per person

QUESTIONS: Crystal Pohlman 859-468-7110

COOL NEWS!

NDA SKI TRIP

NDA's first Ski Trip to Colorado was a success! All 24 girls had a great time skiing for 3 days in Winter Park! They even received a special shout out of thanks from Southwest's flight crew on their return flight to Cincinnati. Thank you to Ms. Dooling, Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Otto, and Dr. Otto for chaperoning. There is already talk of planning next year's trip!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

CELEBRATING SENIORS

BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT

Basketball Senior Night is Friday, February 11! We will celebrate our seven seniors, Kylie Aytes, Lacey Bradshaw, Abby Breeze, Drue Disken, Macie Feldman, Jillian MacKnight, and Olivia Scharstein. The pregame activities will begin at 7:00, prior to the start of the varsity game. Tip off is at 7:30 p.m. as the Pandas take on St. Henry.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

These are College Visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 18 - University of Louisville
J.B. Speed School of Engineering
Elizabeth Frazier
elizabeth.frazier@louisville.edu



LIFESAVING CONVENIENCE

UC HEALTH MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

NDA is hosting a mobile mammogram unit with CCH on March 23 from 8-10:30 a.m. NDA staff and parents can schedule appointments by calling 513-584-PINK (7465).



MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY

Lifesaving Convenience at Your Door

UC Health Mobile Mammography is coming:

Notre Dame Academy
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
8:00am - 10:30am
Call 513-584-PINK (7465) for an appointment today!

Why should I have a yearly mammogram?

 Just **15 minutes** can save your life.

the **5-year** survival rate of breast cancer is

98%

Early detection of breast cancer increases treatment options.

Breast Cancer Breakdown

1 in 8 US women will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime.



75%

Breast cancers occurring in women who have no family history of breast cancer.

To schedule an appointment, please call:
(513) 584-PINK (7465)



ADVANCING OUR MISSION

Notre Dame Academy

**Freshman
Priority Application
Period**

INCOMING FRESHMEN

PRIORITY APPLICATION PERIOD

Freshman Priority Application period ends February 11

Incoming freshmen 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. ALSO, 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. You can find a link to the Application for Admission [HERE](#).

TO OUR PARENTS

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to our parents for their commitment to Catholic education! We truly appreciate your support of Notre Dame Academy and the 2021-22 Annual Fund at NDA. We are privileged to partner with you in the Catholic education of your daughters!

If you would still like to support the 2021-22 Annual Fund and have not yet had the opportunity to do so, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online.



Thank
You!

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Thomas More University is the Catholic Liberal Arts University of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky. Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, TMU challenges students of all faiths to examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world, and their responsibility to others. TMU has strong academics, small class sizes, generous financial assistance, and nationally ranked athletics – right in your back yard! Stay up-to-date with all things TMU by visiting [thomasmore.edu](#) and following @ThomasMoreKY on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



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Community News

You can find a complete list of community news here <https://www.ndapandas.org/news/2022/01/25/community-news-3>



NEWS

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

Important dates

February 9	Decades Day Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast Alumnae Mentoring Session #2
February 11	White Lies Tees with Uniform Skirts Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Priority Registration for Incoming Freshmen ends 4:00 p.m.
February 12	Bengals Attire/Spirit Wear with Uniform Skirts Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
February 14	Late Start: 9:00 a.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