



## Dear Parents,

Our NDA community continues *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy* this February!

The *Women Making A Difference* award program, now in its twenty-first year, recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional and philanthropic efforts. It honors NDA alumnae who are living out NDA's proud heritage and for the difference they continue to make in the world. I would like to congratulate this year's *Women Making A Difference* honorees: Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus '81, Kristy Franxman Dailey '01, and Jo Ruwe Terry '81. The annual award luncheon to honor these women will be held Thursday, March 3. I invite you to join me for this special event. You can find registration information below.

We have started the scheduling process for the 2022-23 school year. This week the freshmen, sophomore and juniors were able to view the courses they were recommended for by their current teachers and choose their elective courses in Powerschool. They all received instructions and reminder emails. **Please note that the ability to choose elective classes will end on Friday, February 25 at 5 p.m.** After that, students can still make changes but they will need to contact a counselor to make that change. You can find more information regarding the scheduling process below.

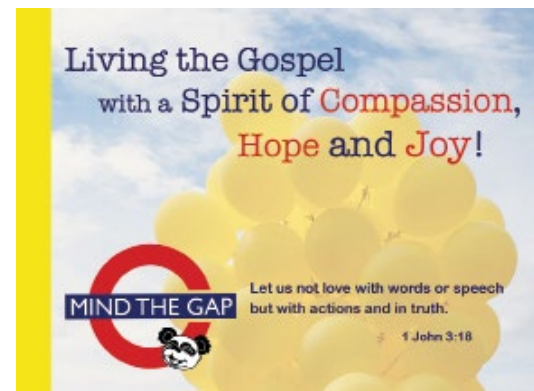
I would like to thank our Pandaversity Club at NDA for all of the thought and hard work they put into our celebration of Black History Month at NDA. They have done a tremendous job increasing awareness of the many important and historic contributions of Black Americans. I hope our students have learned something from all of nice posters and the slide show they created.

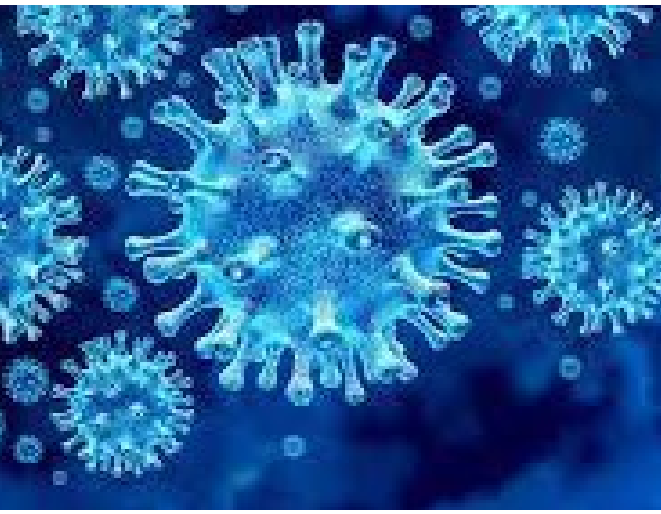
Thank you for choosing Notre Dame Academy for your daughter's Catholic education.

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## WEEKLY UPDATE

### COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, February 23 we have had 1 new reported case of a member 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 NUMBERS DECLINE

Dear Parents,

We continue to monitor the incidence rate of COVID-19 in our region and we are happy to report that those numbers continue to decline. As you can see above, this week we had 1 new reported case of a member of our community testing positive for 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 continue with a RECOMMENDED MASK POLICY at NDA. Masks are recommended at school and extra-curricular events but not required.**

We will continue to monitor and report weekly cases of COVID-19 at NDA on Wednesdays in the Panda Press Weekly. 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.

Please continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your daughter and 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).

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## PARENT RESOURCE

### COVID-19 INFORMATION

There are many important resources for parents and students on NDA's COVID-19 Information page on the website [HERE](#).

# Student Life

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE DAY

School will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. on this day. Students will learn about the Women Making a Difference Honorees and attend a career fair in the morning.



CONGRATULATIONS

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our October Student of the Month - Cathrine Ghazala! You can read more about Cathrine [HERE](#).



2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

## SCHEDULING

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### Wednesday, March 2

Last day for students to submit "[Request to Change Recommendation form](#)" to Counselors (this is if a student wants to take a class she was not recommend to take)

### Friday, May 6

Last day for students to submit a course change (students can try to make a change the first two weeks of school after this deadline)

### Friday, May 26

Last day to change an AP course (no change will be made in the first 2 weeks of school like other courses allow)

Time to  
schedule  
classes  
for  
2022-23!

## OPT OUT OPTION

# SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. During March in Religion classes, all Notre Dame Academy students will take part in the Safe Environment Training that focuses on teaching boundaries and safe relationships. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide which is a guide for you as your child's primary educator.

All students will participate in this program unless NDA receives a completed [OPT OUT FORM](#) from a parent or guardian indicating permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please completed the OPT OUT FORM by Friday, February 25 and email to Mrs. Amber Grayson, Associate Principal ([graysona@ndapandas.org](mailto:graysona@ndapandas.org)). Mrs. Grayson will then send materials home for students to review with parents/guardians.



## ATTENTION PANDA FANS

# PLEASE VOTE

Please vote [HERE](#) for Lainy Kruger for Swimmer of the week and Noelle Huber for Basketball player of the week!

**VOTE**  
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## CLEARANCE CLARENCE!

# BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Have you checked out the clearance items at NDA's online spirit wear shop lately? You can find all kinds of great deals at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



## 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\$!**



## 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.



## EXECUTIVE STU CO POSITIONS MEETING STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

There will be a meeting during homeroom on Friday for anyone who is interested in running for an Executive Student Council position for next school year. That would include School Co-President, School Secretary, School Treasurer, School Public Relations Officer, and Grade Level Co-Presidents. You do need to attend this meeting if you would like to run for any of those positions. We will talk about responsibilities, applications, and the election process. If you are not able to attend please let Mrs. Wagner or Ms. Hilbert know so we can get you the information. We hope to see you there!



## HUNGRY? 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.



## 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.

### March

Monday, March 7 University of Kentucky  
Anna Garlock  
[anna.garlock@uky.edu](mailto:anna.garlock@uky.edu)

Wednesday, March 16 University of Alabama  
Kelly Watson  
[kelly.watson@ua.edu](mailto:kelly.watson@ua.edu)



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## STRONG FINISH

### AQUA PANDA NEWS

Congrats to the Aquapandas for finishing 7th at State this past weekend.

Junior Lainey Kruger won 2 state titles and set two school records with those swims in the 200 free and 100 breaststroke!

You can read more about our Lainey [HERE](#).

Freshman Sadie Hartig finished secured a 3rd place finish in the 500 free and 6th in the 200 free. The 200 medley relay finished 6th and the 400 free relay finished 8th.



## CONGRATULATIONS

### NDA STUDENT ATHLETE RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Congrats to Martine Hue on earning the Chick Evans Scholarship! This scholarship is a full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarship. The program seeks out students who show academic strength, financial need and outstanding character. You can read more about Martine's good news [HERE](#).

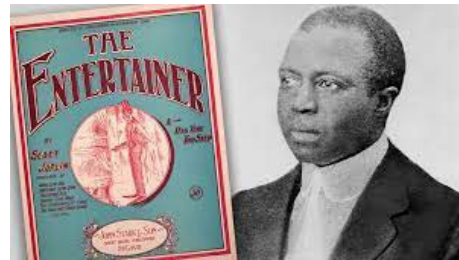


## GOOD LUCK!

### BASKETBALL PANDA NEWS

Both our Freshman and JV Basketball teams won the Region and our varsity team heads into districts this week. Good luck Pandas!

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

### PANDAVERSITY CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Tuesday, some of NDA's Pandaversity club members attended Rags to Riches, a performance by the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra which surveys the roots of American musical heritage. The program featured ragtime, blues, Dixieland and early jazz from 1898-1933, with tunes by legendary black musicians/composers Scott Joplin, James Reese Europe, W.C. Handy, Jelly Roll Morton, Fats Waller and others. The program also highlighted local Cincinnati connections to this music's national popularity and was followed by a Q & A session which allowed students the opportunity to ask questions of any musician on-stage.



## SIX DAYS TO DUE DATE

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Your Drug Free Clubs of America Scholarship Essay is due to your school's DFCA coordinator in ONE WEEK! Please click [HERE](#) to access the information needed to enter. Be sure to have your essay and application turned in to your chapter's coordinator by midnight on March 1, 2022. Drug Free Club Officers and Representatives enjoyed distributing free Hot Cocoa and Coffee to our 423 members last week on a chilly Wednesday morning!



## 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.



# ADVANCING OUR MISSION

21ST ANNUAL

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE LUNCHEON

Join us for this year's Women Making A Difference Luncheon. You can register online [HERE](#).



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL  
*Women Making A Difference*

A W A R D C E R E M O N Y 2 0 2 2

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022**

NORTHERN KENTUCKY CONVENTION CENTER, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

**11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION | 12:00 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY**

Honoring Notre Dame Academy Alumnae for the contributions they have made to their families, their communities and beyond.

**2022 WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREES**



Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus  
1981



Jo Ruwe Terry  
1981



Kristy Franxman Dailey  
2001

**TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO**

**<https://www.ndapandas.org/support-nda>**

OR please mail the enclosed reservation card, along with payment, to:

NOTRE DAME ADVANCEMENT OFFICE, 1699 HILTON DRIVE, PARK HILLS, KY 41011

COVID-19 protocols will be strictly followed at this event to ensure the health and safety of our guests.

Visit [Underground Sports Shop](#)

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# COMMUNITY



## NEWS

SHARING OUR

## Community News

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

- Clean up Ft. Wright Day
- Join the Team - NKY Roots Mountain Bike team
- SND USA NSNO Position Available
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?
- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students

## Important dates

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|----------------|---|
| February 22-24 | Senior Retreat #3   |
| February 26    | Father/Daughter Dance   |
| February 27    | NDA/CCH Band Perform at CCH Spaghetti Dinner                          |
| March 2        | Ash Wednesday   |
| March 3        | Career Day - Dismissal: 11 a.m.<br>Women Making A Difference Luncheon |
| March 5        | Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen                            |
| March 8        | Super Day<br>Sophomore Ring Ceremony                                  |
| March 9        | Blood Drive   |
| March 11       | Third Quarter Ends  |
| March 12       | Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen<br>Girl Up Day             |
| March 22       | Panda Preview Night   |
| March 27       | Orange/White Game   |
| April 7-10     | Spring Play   |