



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Today we begin our Lenten journey, a traditional time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This morning we celebrated with our annual Ash Wednesday Liturgy; praying as a school community that our hearts and minds can be open in a special way to God's presence in our lives during this holy season. We have much planned in the days to come to prepare ourselves for the gift of the risen Christ on Easter. It is important for us to remember that Lent is a special time offering each of us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God who loves us. It is our chance to take time out of our busy schedules to reflect on our lives and reach out to those in need. May this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith!



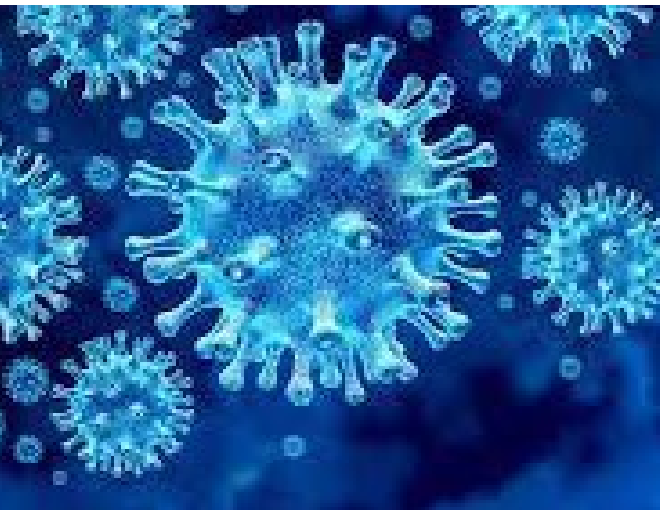
School principals across the Diocese of Covington have come together to raise awareness about the modern day technologies that are impacting many students. Throughout the month of March, we are inviting our parents to learn more about the technology being used daily by their daughter. This will come in the form of a "Tech Tuesday" email each week with shared links for additional learning. I hope you found yesterday's presentation, "Family Crisis – Too Much Technology" interesting. If you miss the "Tech Tuesday" email at any point this month, you can find the most recent submissions on our website [HERE](#). Additionally, I encourage you to read [Pope Francis' Lenten Message](#) in which he recommends that Lent 2022 can be a time to step away from your devices and communicate face to face.

As you will see below, we have had no new reported cases of COVID-19 this week at NDA. This comes after several weeks of a decline in reported COVID-19 cases at school. I am very happy to tell you that this data allows us to remove the physical distancing requirements at NDA. Please note that we will continue to provide space to allow for distancing in the cafeteria/auditorium and leave the markings on our cafeteria tables for any students who wish to social distance. After two very challenging years, it is great to see our students experiencing a more normal school year.

Please know that you are in our prayers throughout this season of Lent.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, March 2 we have had 0 new reported cases 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.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Dear Parents,

We are very happy to report that we have had no new reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 this week.

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

We will also discontinue our physical distancing requirements at NDA. Seat markings in the cafeteria will remain for those students who still wish to space 3 feet apart. Students can also begin going outside for lunch as the weather gets better.

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.

Just a reminder that we have students in the building with severe airborne allergies to peanuts. Please remind your daughter to be mindful of this when having treats or food in the classroom, as any exposure could cause life threatening reactions.

Thanks so much for keeping everyone safe!

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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](#).

Lent

A Time to Renew



Student Life

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE DAY

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR ◀

August 16	School Begins
September 5	No School: Labor Day
October 7	No School: Professional Development Day
November 1	No School: All Saints' Day
November 23	No School: Professional Development Day
November 24-25	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 8	No School: Immaculate Conception
December 21- January 2	No School: Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 16	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 20	No School: Presidents' Day
March 10	No School: Professional Development Day
April 6-14	No School: Easter Break
May 26	Graduation

IMPORTANT INITIATIVE TECH TUESDAYS

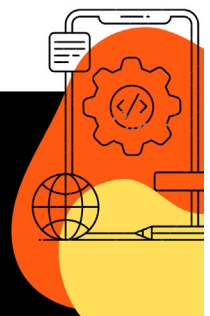
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IT'S TECH TUESDAY!

ARE OUR KIDS
CONSUMED WITH
TECHNOLOGY?

Be sure to check your
email for this week's
Tech Tuesday message
to find out.

Have you seen the
documentary *Childhood 2.0:
The Living Experiment?*
Watch it online for free today!





IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2022

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by **April 15, 2022**. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to create your own copy of the spreadsheet as a Google Sheet so you are able to type right into it. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **April 15, 2022**.

If you are in need of financial assistance OR are looking to do work study the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2022.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

CLASS REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Last week students were asked to review the recommendations made by their teachers and submit requests for their elective courses for next year by using Class Registration portal in PowerSchool. Parents and guardians are urged to review those selections with their daughter using the Class Registration tab in PowerSchool. There is still a window for making adjustments until this Friday, March 3 by speaking with the counselors. Students wishing to request a level 4 honors course instead of a recommendation of a level 3 college preparatory level course may do so by submitting the Alternate Course request form found on the Resources > PowerSchool page on the NDA website or by using [this direct link](#).

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

SYNOD INFORMATION

All students have had the opportunity during their religion class to take part in a Listening Session for the Synod that is taking place in the Catholic Church. Students had the opportunity to reflect on questions ahead of time and then share during class. The feedback collected from the students will be compiled into a report that will be sent to the Diocese to be included in their report that will be sent to the Continental Bishops Conference in the fall. Their feedback is important to helping the Church identify ways that we can better journey together and support each other. We encourage all parents to reach out to their parishes and take part in listening sessions that are held in their community. You can also go to the Diocesan Website (www.covdio.org/synod) and submit your feedback directly to the Diocese of Covington.



FLY THAT FLAG!

BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

Did you know that the Bambootique now has a garden flag and a pole flag to purchase? You can order yours at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



CELEBRATION

MARDI GRAS!

Yesterday in all French classes, we celebrated Mardi Gras by eating King cake (gâteau de roi) ... one student from each class was crowned Queen of the day when they discovered the baby in their slice of cake.

We also learned about the origins of Mardi Gras and the traditions that continue today. Here are some fun photos!



SCIENCE RESEARCH @ NDA

CONGRATULATIONS!

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE RESEARCH CONTINUES AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy science research students had an outstanding performance at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) on Saturday, February 26. Ana Kothandram won the "Best of Fair" award and an opportunity to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Under the direction of Mr. Bill Stamm, all of the NDA students did an excellent job at SEFNK with many of them advancing to the State competition.

NDA Science Research students won many category and special awards as listed below:

Ana Kothandram

Magnetoreception in Pogonomyrmex (Harvester Ants)

Best of Fair - Advances to ISEF

Life Sciences - Overall

1st Place - Environmental Science

Mu Alpha Theta

NASA Earth System Science Award

Natalie Janzaruk

The Animimic: 5 Animatronic Fingers that Record and Playback Motions from a Control Glove

Overall - Second Place

Physical Sciences - Overall

1st Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical

Yale Science and Engineering Association

Chanduni Herath

Eclipsing Binary Stars

Overall - Third Place

Physical Sciences - 2nd

1st Place - Physics and Astronomy

Thomas More Scholarship (\$25,000)

Aileen Donnelly

The Effects of Increasing Salinity Within Shallow Tropical Marine Environments

Life Sciences - 2nd

2nd Place - Environmental Science

Thomas More Scholarship (\$25,000)

Bella Marita

The Effects of Simple Sugars on the Growth of Escherichia coli

1st Place - Medicine and Health Science

Kennedy Clark

The type of epsom salt that melts ice the fastest

2nd Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical

US Stockholm Junior Water Prize

Hailey Fullenkamp

The type of epsom salt that melts ice the fastest

2nd Place - Engineering - Mechanical and Electrical

Mary Catherine Kelly

A comparison of lunar and terra soil and the growth of basil (Ocimum basilicum)

2nd Place - Physics and Astronomy

Abby Turnpaugh

The Effects of Four Cinnamon Species on Escherichia coli

2nd Place - Biochemistry

Josie Stallard

The Effects of Four Cinnamon Species on Escherichia coli

2nd Place - Biochemistry

Rachel Panko

The Effects of Plastics on Aquatic Plants

3rd Place - Environmental Science

CHECK IT OUT!

THE PANDA PODCAST

Did you know that our talented Publications students at NDA are now producing a weekly podcast? Students talk about all sorts of things, like club activities, athletics, school spirit and academics. You can check out Episode 2 [HERE](#).



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.



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

Wednesday, March 16 University of Alabama
Kelly Watson
kelly.watson@ua.edu



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.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



RIGHT ON TARGET ARCHERY PANDA NEWS

The Archery Pandas have been very busy competing in two tournaments, one at Beechwood and one at Calvary Christian. The Pandas shot 3004 at the Beechwood Tournament which included 75 tens. 5 Archers shot a personal season high score - Annalise Neurohr by 36, Mack Zemter by 21, Alex Gardner by 3, Lauren Agriesti by 3 and Didi Jiradamkerng by 5. The Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi at 276, Annalise Neurohr at 264, Megan Paolucci at 264, Mack Zemter at 261, Kaitlyn Eberhart and Didi Jiradamkerng at 248.

The Pandas shot 3062 at the Calvary Christian Tournament which included 94 tens. 4 Archers shot a personal season high score - Natalie Lovell by 11, Lea Youtsey by 12, Kate Slocum by 11 and Anna Neubacher by 3. The Pandas were led by Ellie Puglisi at 277, Natalie Lovell at 273, Lea Youtsey at 265, Kaitlyn Eberhart at 263 and Keira Schneider at 260. Next up for the Pandas is this Saturday March 5 at the Dixie Heights Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



ATTENTION JUNIORS

COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY

Is Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA) something for you this summer? Do you have a 3.50 GPA and a 25 on the ACT (or equivalent PSAT)? Would you like to spend 3 weeks on the Murray State University college campus - and make new friends - and gain 6 college credits with the possibility of earning 6 more as a senior? [COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY](#) applications are due March 15. Check the website and contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions!



GREEN DOT

BYSTANDER TRAINING

Last Friday, NDA conducted a day of Green Dot Bystander Training for 18 selected freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. They spent the day learning specific, easy, and proven bystander actions they can take that prevent incidences of bullying, dating violence, and sexual assault.



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

ATTENTION 6TH & 7TH GRADERS

PANDA PREVIEW NIGHT

March 22, 2022 – Panda Preview Night – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Attention parents of 6th and 7th grade girls! Panda Preview Night is a great chance for your daughter to get a head start on the 8th grade. Incoming Pandas have an opportunity to learn about the NDA life and how to get ready for high school all in one evening. Panda Preview Night is also a wonderful opportunity for 8th graders who have not yet made their high school decision to come to NDA and take another look at all we have to offer!

You can register for Panda Preview Night [HERE](#). The deadline for registration is March 18.



Notre Dame Academy is excited to announce a new community partnership with [Republic Bank](#)!

Republic Bank recognizes the importance of making a lasting IMPACT by strengthening communities. As an organization, Republic Bank devotes time and funding to help support and build a foundation for the future. This dedication is fueled by their core values. This is how Republic Bank stays focused on making banking easier for all their stakeholders. Republic Bank not only serves the community but is also a part of the community.

We are eager to watch our partnership with Republic Bank grow and we are grateful for their support.

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

March 2	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 3	Career Day - Dismissal: 11 a.m. Women Making A Difference Luncheon
March 5	Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen
March 8	Super Day Sophomore Ring Ceremony Senior Mission Retreat
March 9	Blood Drive
March 11	Third Quarter Ends
March 12	Incoming Conferences for Incoming Freshmen Girl Up Day
March 22	Panda Preview Night
March 27	Orange/White Game
April 7-10	Spring Play
April 14-22	Spring Break