

#### **Dear Parents,**

It is hard to believe that Easter and our spring break are right around the corner. As we journey through the fifth week of Lent, we continue to prepare ourselves to be open to God's graces. We examine our patterns and realign our priorities. As our hearts are being renewed, we experience God's reconciling love and ask Him for the gift of healing.

Although we haven't seen the sun as much as many of us would have preferred this week, I assure you that spring is in the air at Notre Dame Academy. As we reach the midpoint of the 4th quarter of this school year, our students, faculty and staff remain focused on learning and advancing the mission of Notre Dame Academy. As the Principal/Interim President, it is wonderful to see our community *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy.* 

I would like to remind our parents and students that at Notre Dame Academy, our students are fortunate to have the opportunity to apply for a variety of annual scholarships. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2022-23 school year, please check our website for application information on our website <u>HERE</u>. Be sure to scroll down to the bottom of the page to find scholarships for current students. Please remember, the application deadline is April 15.

This weekend our theatre students will be performing our annual spring musical, *The Addams Family*. Our students have been working very hard over these last several weeks and I can't begin to tell you how impressive the set for this show is. I am looking forward to seeing it and I would highly suggest you find time this weekend to catch one of their performances as well. You can find show times and ticket information below.

As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community!

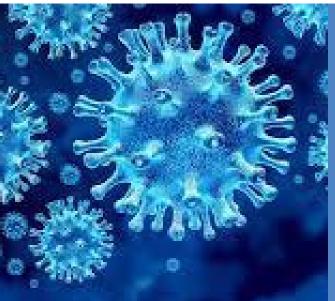
Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Jack Van Hontop

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





# WEEKLY UPDATE

As of today, Wednesday, April 6, 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 guarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

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

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 ST. E'S MAMMOGRAM BUS AT NDA

Dear Parents,

St. Elizabeth is offering a convenient opportunity for NDA faculty, staff and parents to get a mammogram because early detection saves lives. St. Elizabeth's mobile mammography unit will be at NDA next week, Monday 4.11.22 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. You can register for an appointment by calling 859.655.7400.

The CDC has expanded eligibility for an additional booster dose for certain individuals who may be at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19. Boosters are safe, and people over the age of 50 can now get an additional booster 4 months after their prior dose to increase their protection further. This is especially important for those 65 and older and those 50 and older with underlying medical conditions that increase their risk for severe disease from COVID-19 as they are the most likely to benefit from receiving an additional booster dose at this time. See <u>this link</u> for more information.

In case you missed it last week, you might want to check out the CDC's new COVID-19 <u>Quarantine and Isolation calculator</u>. It takes the

### EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

#### **15 MINUTES COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE**

Notre Dame Academy 1699 Hilton Drive Park Hills, Ky 41011 Monday, April 11 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.



The St. Elizabeth mobile mammography unit offers state-of-the-art 2-D and 3-D mammography screening. It's quick, easy and covered by most insurance (including Medicare and Medicaid), if you are: • Age 35 to 40: Baseline Screening • 40 and Over: Annual Screening Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

REGISTER AT (859) 655-7400



stress out of deciding when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and <u>close contacts</u> need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask. The calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and prevent COVID-19 in their communities. This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's <u>Quarantine and Isolation</u> guidance and get custom-ized information that applies to their unique situation. We hope you find it useful.

Be Well!

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

# **Student Life**



#### TEACHING BOUNDARIES & SAFE RELATIONSHIPS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Last month in Religion classes, all Notre Dame Academy students took in the Safe Environment Training that focuses on teaching boundaries and safe relationships. If your daughter was absent on training day, Mrs. Grayson will email the materials to parents/guardians, so they can review with their daughters. This information should be received by next Wednesday.

# GRADUATION INFORMATION

#### UPDATED INFORMATION SENIOR GRADUATION EVENTS

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the information regarding senior graduation activities.



#### **GET EXCITED!**

### **PROM & AFTER-PROM INFORMATION**

This year's Prom will be held in Music Hall's Box Office Ballroom on April 29 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. All attendees must arrive by 8:00 p.m. It is suggested that students plan to take the free shuttle that Notre Dame Academy provides to Music Hall. Parking at Music Hall can be difficult to find and is an additional cost. Tickets for the event are \$70 per person and registration is due on Friday, April 8. The form to register for Prom, After Prom, and to ride the shuttle to the event can be found <u>HERE</u>. You can find After Prom information <u>HERE</u>.

### **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

#### CAST YOUR VOTE STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Student Council Grade Level Elections will take place next Monday, April 11. Good luck to our candidates! You can find the list of candidates <u>HERE</u>.



#### 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!

#### Notre Dame Academy Bambootique

#### **DEAL OF THE WEEK**

### **BAMBOOTIQUE SPIRIT WEAR SHOP**

It's Family and Friends Week at NDA's Bambootique! All NDA Family and Friends will receive a 20% discount off their entire purchase all week. You can shop at the online Bambootique <u>HERE</u>.



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

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



#### SERVING OUR PANDAS CAFETERIA REMINDERS

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance. There are many overdue accounts that need to be paid by the end of the school year.

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website <u>HERE</u>. Please note: the menu is subject to change as there are many shortages in the food industry.



#### SUMMER ENRICHMENT

### **SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT NDA!**

Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to find out more about summer enrichment opportunities at NDA.

NDA's Student Services Department has put together an <u>awesome list of Summer En-</u><u>richment Opportunities</u>. Included in the list are resources for college and community enrichment programs available to students over the summer that students can register and sign up for. Program topics range from extracurricular interests all the way to career readiness! Students, feel free to come to the Quad and contact any counselor if you have any questions or need help applying!

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION POWERSCHOOL GRADE UPDATES

The middle of the fourth quarter is this Friday. Teachers will be entering their most recent assignment grades over the weekend. Feel free to take advantage of this opportunity to check next week on your daughter's progress in PowerSchool as we get closer to the end of the year.

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

#### TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is searching for a Technology Coordinator to assist the Technology Director in providing an effective technological infrastructure that supports the educational mission of our school. Learn more about the position <u>HERE</u>.

#### 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 <u>ndahr@ndapandas.org</u>.



#### **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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>workstudy@ndapandas.org</u>.

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 <u>HERE</u>.

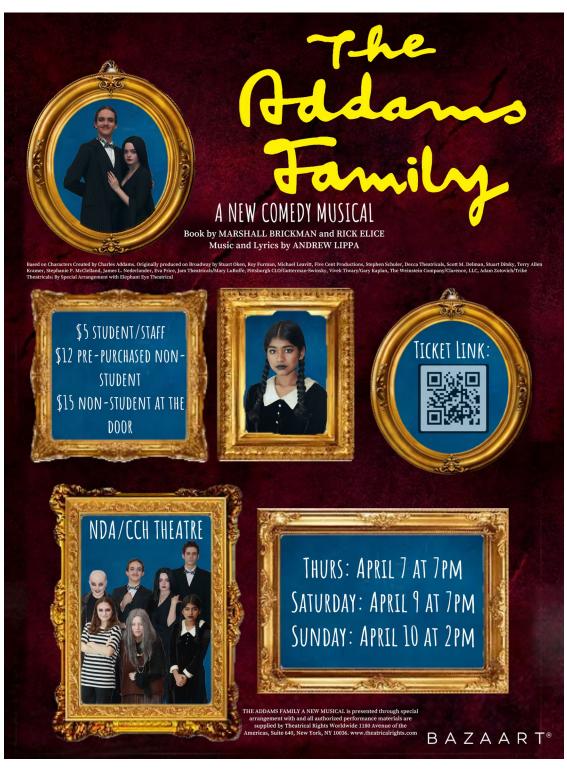
If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website <u>HERE</u> and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2022.



#### DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING SHOW! NDA AND CCH PRESENT ADDAMS FAMILY THE MUSICAL!

The spring musical is finally here! Don't miss Addams Family the Musical at NDA this weekend! You can find dates, show times and a link to purchase tickets <u>HERE</u>.



# NDA News Feed...



#### PANDAS IN THE WINDY CITY

### NDA INVESTMENT CLUB VISITS CHICAGO

The Investment Club had a successful trip to Chicago April 2 - 4. All 34 girls had a great time exploring the Windy City. You can read more about their trip and see a few pictures of the students in Chicago <u>HERE</u>.



#### THE POWER OF COMPOUNDING

### **LEARNING THE BASICS OF INVESTING**

Math Club and Mu Alpha Theta had the opportunity to meet and hear from two financial advisors from Morgan Stanley on Monday, April 4. You can read more about it <u>HERE</u>.



#### CONGRATULATIONS NEW LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Congratulations to our newest inductees for our language honor societies! This past week students who have maintained high achievement for three semesters in language studies were inducted into their respective honor societies. You can see the entire list and read more about students who pledged that they will continue their language and cultural studies <u>HERE</u>.



#### MAKING FRIENDS SPANISH CLASSES HAVE LIVE CHAT WITH STUDENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Spanish 3 students have started an exchange with students in the Dominican Republic at the Colegio Triunfare. We have shared videos on Flipgrid and this past week we had the wonderful opportunity to speak with our new friends live through Zoom. Our students spoke in both Spanish and English, and we all had a lot of fun! We look forward to our next shared activity in the weeks ahead.

# **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**



# PANDA ATHLETIC SIGNING

#### CONGRATULATIONS BASKETBALL NEWS

Seniors Macie Feldman and Lacey Bradshaw will be representing NDA in the Ohio/Kentucky Basketball All-Star game at Thomas More Saturday April 9. Congrats to both!

# CELEBRATING STUDENT ATHLETES ATHLETIC SIGNING

NDA's annual athletic signing will be held in the Auditorium on April 27 at 4:30 p.m. Come support your Pandas that will be continuing their academic and athletic endeavours at the collegiate level.



You are cordially invited to attend

#### NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, April 28, 2022 6:00 p.m. - Cocktails and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 p.m. - Program Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall \$25 per person

> 2022 Honorees: Jennifer Quast Jacobs Kerry Lewin Schrand-Rawe Melissa Haarberg Holsinger Laura Finkc Heidi Thelen Morgan Hentz Jim Parsons

#### ATHLETIC TRADITION ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

NDA's Athletic Hall of Fame is inducted the class of 2022 on April 28! Come out to learn about these amazing people and all they have done to enhance NDA's rich athletic tradition! You can purchase tickets <u>HERE</u>.



#### FOUR! GOLF OUTING

NDA's 24th annual golf outing is coming up July 29 at Kenton County Golf Course. If you are interested in being on the golf outing committee and helping to plan this fun athletic fundraiser please email AD, Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org.

# **COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES**

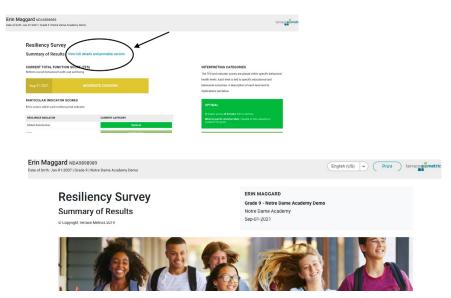


#### ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS TERRACE METRICS SURVEY

On Monday your freshman student(s) took the Terrace Metrics survey. In the next two days, we will be taking the following steps.

- 1. We will be emailing the results to you. The results come with ideas for how to help your student improve their resiliency skills, should that be needed.
- 2. We will be checking in with any student who has high at risk scores. We will additionally contact the parent after we have that meeting.

When you get your results, please be sure to click on the link highlighted below in our example. The link says "View full details and printable version". This link will take you to more information and resources for your use.



If you do not receive a results report for your daughter, it is because she was either opted out by you, or she did not complete the survey. If you would like your daughter to complete the survey, please reach out to Mrs. Maggard, <u>maggarde@ndapandas</u>. <u>org</u> and she will work to ensure your daughter completes it and the results are sent to you.



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### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

#### NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

## **ADVANCING OUR MISSION**



We have been blessed with an overwhelming response to our Annual Fund. If you have not done so already, please consider giving a gift to make Catholic education accessible at NDA for all students!

#### CLICK HERE to make a donation to NDA's 2021-22 Annual Fund.

Your support of the mission of NDA is very much appreciated!





# STUDENT FUNDRAISER PANDA PROWL

Yesterday our students received an email with important information regarding NDA's student fundraiser. On April 29, students will participate in the Panda Prowl, a 5K walk around campus and the surrounding area. Our student fundraiser is one of the main fundraisers at NDA and benefits our tuition assistance program as well as a variety of student and program needs. This year we are teaming up with our Uganda Pandas Club and a portion of our proceeds will be donated to our sister school in Buseesa, Uganda. The money donated will assist with a student's education, health needs, and other basic necessities. Click <u>HERE</u> to make a donation or to sponsor a student and help us reach our goal of \$45,000!



Notre Dame Academy would like to welcome NDA parent Mike McKeown to our Corporate Sponsor Program as a Diamond Sponsor!



As a full time real estate professional, Mike McKeown is dedicated to servicing the needs of his cli-

ents. Licensed in both KY & OH, Mike provides personal and professional service with frequent communication and extensive market knowledge. Mike will provide you with all of the guidance you need to make your real estate transaction a success. Feel free to contact Mike directly via 859-653-2884 and let his 35 years of experience work for you!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

#### SHARING OUR Community News

You can find a complete list of community news <u>HERE.</u>

- SND 4th of July Festival 100 years of Festival Fun!
- Volunteer this summer at Notre Dame Urban Education Center
- Expand School Choice Before Time Runs Out
- Job Opportunity for Students
- Job Opportunity for Alumnae
- Clean up Ft. Wright Day
- and more...

# Important dates

| April 7-10  | Spring Play                                   |
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| April 8     | Mid-Quarter                                   |
| April 9     | Girl Up Day                                   |
| April 13    | Holy Week Prayer Service                      |
| April 14    | Holy Thursday - No School                     |
| April 15    | Good Friday - No School                       |
| April 17    | Easter  |
| April 18-22 | Spring Break                                  |
| April 25    | Classes resume                                |
| April 27    | Baby Day                                      |
|             | Athletic Signing                              |
| April 28    | NDA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction           |
| April 29    | Panda Prowl (ADJ) no classes; early dismissal |
|             | Junior/Senior Prom at Music Hall              |
|             | AfterProm at NKU                              |
| May 1       | Band Concert: 6-6:45 in the NDA Theatre       |
|             |   |