



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*

# Panda Press Weekly

October 13, 2021

THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

Today was Super Day at NDA. Our freshman participated in their first NDA retreat and our sophomores and juniors took the PSAT. These experiences reflect on different parts of our journey together at Notre Dame Academy. They allow our students to apply what they are learning at NDA – the opportunity for spiritual growth and the value of acquired knowledge. Please keep all of our students in your prayers.

I would like to thank the parents who attended one of our parent forums earlier this week to meet our first candidate for the president's position at NDA. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet Sue Greis. I would like to remind you that our second parent forums to meet our second candidate, Jeane McNamara, will be held **tomorrow, October 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** and **Friday, October 15 from 8:00 to 9:00 am.** Both forums will be held in Alumnae Hall. I encourage you to attend one of these meetings as it is an excellent opportunity to get to know Jeane. As with Sue, you will have the opportunity to take a short survey following the parent forum. The selection of the new president is one of the most important responsibilities of our Board of Directors and they certainly appreciate input from the NDA community. Our third candidate will be on campus next week with parent forums scheduled for **Monday, October 18 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 19 from 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

Please note that Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, October 26 through the use of Zoom. I see great value in open communication between parents, students and teachers. These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to promote student learning. Please take time to sign up for a 10 minute session with your daughter's teachers.

Thank you for the privilege of partnering with you in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

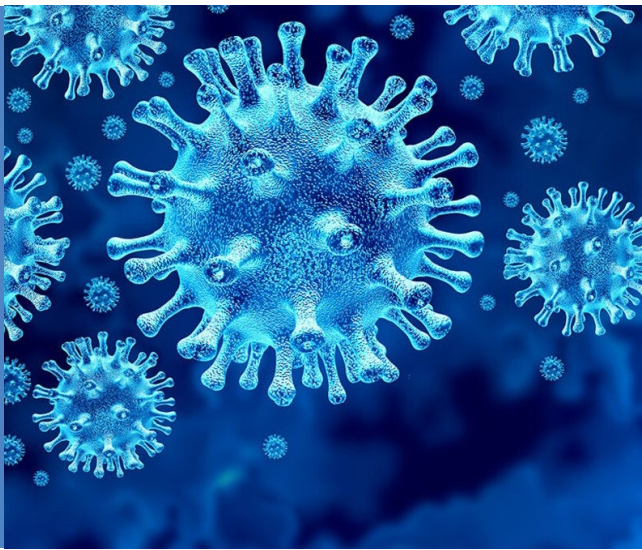
Living the Gospel  
with a Spirit of **Compassion,**  
**Hope and Joy!**

**MIND THE GAP**

Let us not love with words or speech  
but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:18

Have a great day and make good choices!



## WEEKLY UPDATE

### COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, October 13, we have had 0 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have also 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 our school nurse, Tina Sizemore, RN., at 859.292.1843 or [sizemoret@ndapandas.org](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank everyone in our community who has turned in a COVID-19 vaccination card to the school nurses' office. **If your daughter is vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to have turn in a copy of that to us in order that we can have it on file.** Having students' COVID-19 vaccination cards on file is a great help in both our contact tracing and in keeping students engaged in in-person learning.

As always, please reach out to us with any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.

Thanks,

Tina Sizemore, RN.

NDA School Nurse

Melanie Martin, RN.

NDA School Nurse

Thank  
You!



## 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](#).

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Information from the Nurse's Office
- Daily Personal Assessment questions
- COVID-19 Vaccine information
- Diocesan communications

2021

# AUTUMN GALA

## THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT - REGISTER TODAY!

The Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** at Summit Hills Country Club. The evening consists of an elegant sit-down dinner, hors d'oeuvres, open bar and an incredible array of live and silent auction items. The evening also features several raffles and specialty games. You won't want to miss it!

Bidding is now open for this year's Autumn Gala:  
<https://ndaparkh2021.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>

## PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED AT THIS YEAR'S AUTUMN GALA

We would like to keep our NDA community safe and healthy in order that our students can stay in school experiencing in-person learning so please wear a mask when you are not eating or drinking at this year's Autumn Gala.

Register Now!

Visit: <https://ndacvg.ejoinme.org/gala2021>

Click Here



### Sisters' Heavenly Glow Candles

These hand-crafted and "blessed" 7 oz. candles were made exclusively by the Sisters on the 4th floor. They will be a treasure for your home or office and add that special touch of warmth. Buy one or more, but quantities are limited.

Check out this [special message](#) from Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel about these adorable Heavenly Glow Candles!

### Panda Payout Raffle- Now is Your "Chance"

Panda Payout split the pot raffle tickets are on sale NOW! Please support NDA Student Tuition Assistance and Identified Education Needs by purchasing your tickets TODAY! Anyone can purchase these tickets... alums, parents, friends, family, neighbors...the list goes on!

Tickets can be purchased online or through school for \$20 each. 1st Place winner receives 40% of the winnings and 2nd Place winner receives 5%. All other winnings go towards NDA Student Needs! What an easy way to make a BIG difference! Don't miss your "chance"!

### Volunteers Needed

Mrs. Kirn is still looking for volunteers for this year's Autumn Gala. If you are a parent who would like to volunteer, you can find the sign up link [HERE](#).



**[Click here](#) to Register, Purchase Game and Raffle Tickets, Heavenly Glow Candles, Buy It Now, Become a Sponsor, and more!**



# Student Life

## PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

### MEET CANDIDATE #2

Thank you to the parents who attended one of our parent forums with our first presidential candidate, Sue Greis, earlier this week. As you saw in an email from NDA yesterday, parents will have the opportunity to meet the second candidate, Jeane McNamara, **tomorrow, October 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. OR Friday, October 15 from 8:00 to 9:00 am.** Both forums will be held in Alumnae Hall. We encourage parents to attend one of these meetings as it is an excellent opportunity to get to know Jeane. Please check the email you were sent yesterday for information regarding the nature and purpose of these forums as well as a survey link to be completed after meeting Jeane at one of the parent forums.



## SAY CHEESE

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Friday, October 22.



## VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY

### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, October 26 and through the use of Zoom. The goal for such conferences is to provide a window of time for parents, students or teachers to address concerns in order to promote student learning. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a 10 minute session with your daughter's teachers!



## CONGRATULATIONS

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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



# HALLOWEEN DANCE!

GET YOUR COSTUME READY!

## FRESHMEN HALLOWEEN DANCE

The annual Freshmen Halloween dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 at CCH from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Costumes are highly encouraged! Ticket price is \$5.



### MEET THE FRESHMEN

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

We will be electing our six Freshman Homeroom Representatives for the 2021-2022 school year this Friday during homeroom. They had an opportunity to share a little bit about themselves with their classmates through a slideshow. Check it out [HERE](#). Good luck to our candidates!

Greta Bitikofer  
Josie Bozeman  
Allison Dilbert  
Georgia Drees  
Chloe Dunham  
Ava Fillhardt  
Riley Herald

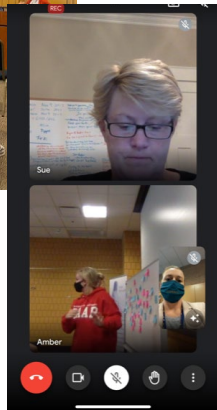
Eily Hering  
Savannah Jones  
Maya Lawrie  
Molly Mast  
Grace Panko  
Josie Stallard

### LEADERSHIP STRATEGY

## CLUB LEADER NEWS

Last week we held our first club leader meeting of the year. All of our club leaders gathered to receive information about doing outreach projects for their groups, available resources, and how they can be involved in Music Monday. School Co-President Ellie Joyce led the group in doing some idea sourcing about what kinds of programs/resources they would like to see come out of our Student Life Office this year. This was a great way to get important feedback and demonstrated a leadership strategy that leaders could use with their own clubs!

As a part of our Alumnae Mentor Program, Sue Wehrman (Class of 1981) joined our meeting virtually to give Ellie feedback on her idea sourcing activity. Sue is the Global Leadership Strategist at GE and has been helping form Notre Dame's leaders through our Summer Leadership Summit for the last several years.



### PLEASE JOIN US!

## ROSARY RALLY FOR LIFE

On Saturday, October 16, there will be a Rosary Rally For Life held in front of St. Joseph Height's at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate. The Rosary Rally lasts about 30 minutes. Those wishing to participate should meet at the foot of Hilton Drive and you will walk to the Height's while praying.



### CAMPUS MINISTRY

## 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!

## LIFE CLUB

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Life Club is participating in Care Net's Baby Bottle Campaign through the dates of October 4 - 15. The girls in each of their Religion classes are presented with the opportunity to give a monetary donation and fill the baby bottle to help our local NKY families that are in need.

# LIFE CLUB

## PANDA PRIDE

### SPIRIT WEAR SALE

It's a SUE-PER sale at the Bambootique this week - all t-shirts are 15% off [HERE](#).



## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2021 NDA yearbook, ***Together***, has gone to press and is scheduled to ship between Halloween and Thanksgiving. A limited number of extra copies will be available for students who did not pre-order. Books are \$70 and checks should be made out to NDA.

The 2022 NDA yearbook, ***Make it Count***, is available for pre-order now at [jostens.com](https://jostens.com): Order now for the special fall price of \$60.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Notre Dame Academy (NDA) is searching for a part-time custodian to assist with facility cleaning, trash removal, event setups, and other routine housekeeping and maintenance tasks. Regular hours are from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, but schedule can be somewhat flexible.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move equipment and supplies up to 50lbs. Custodial experience is preferred. A high school diploma or GED equivalent, background check, valid driver's license and Virtus training is required.

Please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to [ndahr@ndapandas.org](mailto:ndahr@ndapandas.org).





**27% of students**

Did  
You  
Know...

Received tuition assistance,  
financial aid, financial aid  
scholarships, and/or are a part of  
the work study program .

#SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS

## ANNUAL FUND 2021

Notre Dame Academy's Development Department is responsible for additional fundraising to support the educational experience we offer at NDA. While tuition covers much of our expenses, as part of our mission to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend NDA, we have a persistent gap of \$2,420 per student between what we receive in tuition and the real cost of educating each of our students.

Please support NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a gift to this year's Annual Fund. You can donate online [HERE](#).



HUNGRY?

## ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK

You can find the lunch order form for next week [HERE](#). This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. Please indicate which days you would like to purchase lunch next week. Payment will be due upon pick up in the cafeteria and using your ID card barcode and will be charged to your NDA lunch account through PayPams.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## IT'S OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGN TIME AT NDA!

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 7 from 1- 3 p.m. You can help us advertise open house by placing a small yard sign in front of your home or business. If you have a very visible location that would accommodate a larger 4ft by 4ft sign, please contact Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, and give her the location. Katie must order all signs by October 8.

The large open house signs will go up the week of October 25 and will come down the week of November 8. NDA staff will put them up and take them down. Small yard signs will be available for pick-up at NDA. Questions? Contact Kate, 859-292-1829/[caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org).



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**2021**

**Open House  
Experience**

**November 7, 2021  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**





# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**FINALFORMS**

PANDA SAVINGS!

## WINTER SPORTS

Make sure winter student athletes are registered in Final Forms and have a valid KHSAA physical uploaded to Final Forms. Reach out the athletic department with any issues.

GO PANDAS!

## SPORTS UPDATES

- We had four golfers competing last week at the State Tournament. Congratulations ladies on a great year!
- Wish soccer luck during the Region tournament! They play tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Boone in the semis and the finals are Saturday at Boone at 7:30 p.m.
- Wish volleyball luck as they head into the district tournament Monday the 18th at Beechwood at 6 p.m. The district finals are then Wednesday at Beechwood at 7:30 p.m.
- Our cross country Pandas will head to Regionals at Saturday the 23rd.



**COUPON  
BOOKS!**

PANDA SAVINGS!

## COUPON BOOKS

Coupon Books will be delivered to NDA in mid November for pick up to sell for those who chose to sell books. More info to as we get closer.



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



ONLY 16 MORE DAYS TO JOIN

## DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

*"DFCA is not just a club, it's more of a community. In this community, you are surrounded by other Pandas who want you to stay safe and remain drug free. DFCA is the reason why I have met some of my closest friends and why I have stayed safe for these past 4 years." - NDA Senior, 2021*

Several students and parents have been surprised to learn they are not a current member of Drug Free Club; they thought they had signed up for multiple years but actually did not. If your daughter has not yet been drug tested or signed up within the last 2 weeks - they are probably NOT current in their DFCA membership. **Contact Mrs. Hildreth to know for sure!**

Applications will be accepted until Oct. 29th. Apply online [HERE](#) or submit your one-page paper application and payment to the office. The fee is \$25/year. If freshmen sign up for 3 years (\$75), their senior year is free.



## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

### ASK LISA PODCAST SERIES

Dr. Lisa Damour, clinical psychologist and best-selling author, offers practical ways to address many challenging parenting issues in her [Ask Lisa: Podcast Series](#).

(Recent episodes: "I Hate Nagging My Kids. What Else Works?" #51; "How Do I Build My Kid's Confidence and Self-esteem?" #50; "My Kid Looked at Porn. What Should I Do?" #31.)

## GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

**A GSE Informational Meeting will be held at NDA after school on Thursday, October 14 in Room 112!** Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for the 2022 KY [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#). (GSE) beginning November 15! GSE is a 3-week summer residential program where young entrepreneurs, working in teams, take an idea and utilize STEAM and enterprise skills to create a service or product. Teams build a feasible business model around their idea. On the final day of the program, teams pitch their business ideas to a live audience and panel of judges, known as Demo Day. **GSE is offering 6 virtual events via Zoom this fall to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. Find links to register [HERE](#).**



## GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The application for GSA 2022 opens up on November 3rd, but virtual info sessions (via Zoom) are available now! Important Dates and other Virtual Sessions can be viewed and registered for [HERE](#). After you sign up, a link to access this session will be sent to the email you used to register.

There are nine artistic disciplines:

Architecture  
Visual Art  
Film & Photography

Creative Writing  
Instrumental Music  
Vocal Music

Musical Theater  
Drama  
Dance



## GSP APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The KY Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is a free 5-week summer residential program for outstanding high school KY students after their junior year. [GSP 2021-2022 Applications and Forms](#) are now available on the GSP website, under the Applicant's tab, along with [Helpful Hints and Videos](#). **NDA's GSP Applications are due November 22.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

# NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).



Visit [Fischer Homes](http://www.fischerhomes.com)

Fischer Homes was founded in Northern Kentucky in 1980 with the philosophy of offering the best total new home solution. Today, it is the 37th largest builder in the county after expanding into the Indianapolis, Columbus, Atlanta and Louisville areas. Fischer Homes is proud to be the top builder in Northern Kentucky, with 20 local new home communities and 10 decorated models. For more information, call/text (859) 448-2711 or visit [www.fischerhomes.com](http://www.fischerhomes.com). Go Pandas!



## SHARING OUR Community News

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

- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

## Important dates

October 14	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
October 15	Parent Forum with Presidential Candidate 5:30 p.m. Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Parent Forum with Presidential Candidate 8:00 a.m. FR Homeroom rep elections
October 16	The Autumn Gala
October 18	All School Mass Parent Forum with Presidential Candidate 5:30 p.m.
October 19	Seniors leave for retreat Parent Forum with Presidential Candidate 8:00 a.m.
October 21	Panda Sneak Peek Information Session 6:30 p.m.
October 22	Picture Retake Day
October 22-24	Fall Play
October 26	Admission Virtual Information Session
November 1	NO SCHOOL - All Saint's Day
November 5	Remembrance Mass
November 7	Open House