



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

This is Notre Dame Academy's 115th year and as always, we continue to educate our students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As you know, this year we are focusing on the second Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God. In doing so, we are concentrating our efforts on *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love*. As I told you last week, our students are doing a great job living our mission and carrying out our theme this school year.

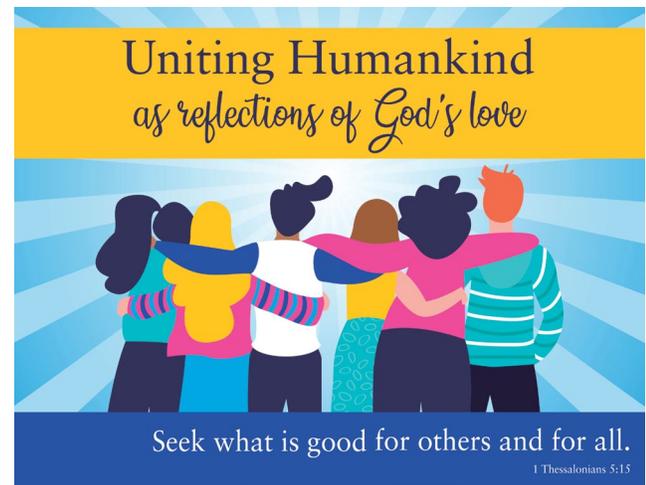
In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Academy is committed to working with any family whose daughter could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. For over a century, NDA has provided a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community at an affordable price. As much as we strive to keep tuition and expenses to a minimum without sacrificing quality education, it is still difficult for some of our families to afford a Catholic education, especially in these challenging economic times. We are blessed with a wonderful Work Study Program and many generous benefactors who provide essential student tuition assistance through academic and need-based scholarships at NDA. We thank them for making a difference in the lives of our students through their generous support of Catholic education at NDA.

Notre Dame Academy ranks as the largest private high school in the Diocese of Covington and the 12th largest private school offering grades 9-12 in the Greater Cincinnati area. We are blessed with a strong enrollment but as Catholic schools are struggling to survive the COVID-19 global pandemic, we must do our best to advance the mission of NDA by expanding our recruitment efforts. As a NDA parent, you clearly see the benefit of an NDA education. If you know of a young woman outside of our feeder schools who you think could benefit from an NDA education, whether she is in your extended family, neighborhood, parish or your daughter's elementary school, we ask that you pass her name on to our Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari ([caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org)).

Thank you for the sacrifices you make to send your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. We are grateful for your trust in Notre Dame Academy to provide your daughter with a premiere Catholic education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





## NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

REMEMBER, the [NDA COVID-19 Information page](#) on the website has many important resources for parents and students:

- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Question Submission Link
- NDA COVID-19 Response Chart for Students and Staff
- and more!

## UPDATED ARRIVAL PROCEDURE ◀

A change to our arrival procedure is shared below. This went into effect today, Monday, September 14.

All students will enter the school building at the main entrance where we will have 3 people taking temperatures. After 7:30 a.m., all freshmen and sophomores will go to the Gym, and seniors and juniors will go to the cafeteria/auditorium. When the bell rings at 7:40 a.m., all students will go to their 1st period classes.

Students are doing a wonderful job completing the daily COVID-19 symptom check and wearing their masks while on campus. With everyone entering through the main entrance, it will be important for everyone to maintain their physical distance.

Thanks for working together to keep us all healthy!

PLEASE NOTE!  
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## MAKE GOOD CHOICES! HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Symptom Screenings and Health Precautions
- Contact Tracing
- Cleaning and Sanitizing our Campus
- Hand Sanitizing
- Masks
- Social Distancing
- Safety Barriers



Together we can Make a Difference!



## PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES ◀

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held virtually this year and through the use of Google Meets. Conferences will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m., and the conference sign up sheet will be shared in next week's Panda Press Weekly.

## MID-QUARTER ◀

This Friday marks the middle of the first quarter.

## HONORS RECOGNITIONS UPDATE ◀

To reflect the grading scale changes adopted by high schools throughout the Diocese of Covington, Notre Dame Academy updated its honors recognition system. Pandas are now able to earn Latin Honor Distinctions for the semester. The qualifications are listed below.

Summa Cum Laude 4.0 (WSM) with no grade below 90

Magna Cum Laude 3.75 (WSM) with no grade below 85

Cum Laude 3.5 (WSM) with no grade below 80

See our updated grading scales [HERE](#). This grading scale was adopted by the Diocese of Covington in July.



## NDA MOVIE NIGHT: HAWAIIAN THEME ◀

While we won't have our annual Hawaiian Mixer this year, that doesn't mean we can't bring the beach to the Pandas. Students are asked to join us on Friday, September 25 for an outdoor viewing of Moana. Hawaiian attire is encouraged! The movie night will take place NDA's campus -- on the back parking lot next to the softball field. The movie will begin at 8:00 p.m., and students are encouraged to arrive early for some fun previews.

Spots will be 6 feet apart, and students should bring their own lawn chairs. Students are also welcome to bring food and/or drinks, and please note that masks must be worn when not eating or drinking.

Tickets are \$5/person and can be reserved online. Spots are selected on a first come, first serve basis. The next movie night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7.

## MODIFIED SUPER DAYS ◀

On Friday, September 25, Juniors will take a practice ACT while Sophomores will take the CERT test. They will end the day together in Club Orientation where they will learn about the various clubs at NDA. **Seniors and Freshmen will have an off day on Friday, September 25 with no classes being held.**

On Tuesday, October 6 Seniors will take the ACT while Freshmen will take the CERT test. They will end the day together in Club Orientation where you will learn about the various clubs at NDA. **Sophomores and Juniors will be off on this day with no classes.**





## ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

This week there is a NEW LUNCH ORDER FORM for NDA. Please note the changes at the top of the page and changes to the order form itself. Please read carefully as there are many items to choose from. [CLICK HERE for the order form for next week.](#)

This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. Please indicate which day you would like to purchase lunch next week. Check all that apply. 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.](#)

Orders are due by 3:00 p.m. each Friday. **Orders for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18.**

**Reminders about lunch:** If you do not order a grab and go lunch through NDA's cafeteria, you should pack a lunch. **We have made some changes to the menu for this week. We will no longer be offering a Snack Bag (there was very little interest in this item). We will be offering more a la carte items for the girls to purchase.** Lunch boxes should be stored in your backpack or purse throughout the day. Lunch location assignments are as follows:

- Seniors: Cafeteria and Soccer Field
- Juniors: Auditorium and Soccer Field
- Sophomores: Gym and Marian Circle
- Freshmen: Gym and Marian Circle

## MOCK TRIAL



## MOCK TRIAL COACH NEEDED ◀

NDA is looking for a Mock Trial Head Coach. Mock Trial teams are starting tryouts this month and once teams are established, regular meetings will need to begin in October occurring twice weekly for 2 hours each. An assistant coach has already been determined and recently served in this capacity, so she will continue as a valuable resource. Teams and coaches can decide on which days/times work best for them. January usually implements Saturday practices for a longer stretch of time.

One pre-season tournament lasting one-day usually occurs at either Belarmine University or University of Kentucky. The regional tournament will be held in Louisville this year during the first weekend in February 2021 for 3 days. The top 8 teams at Regionals automatically qualify for the State tournament to be held in Covington during the first weekend in March 2021. If NDA wins state (which they did in 2019), then Pandas will qualify for Nationals held in May 2021 in Evansville, IN.

If you are interested, please contact Social Studies & Business Teacher Hillary Johnson '05 at [johnsonh@ndapandas.org](mailto:johnsonh@ndapandas.org) for more information.



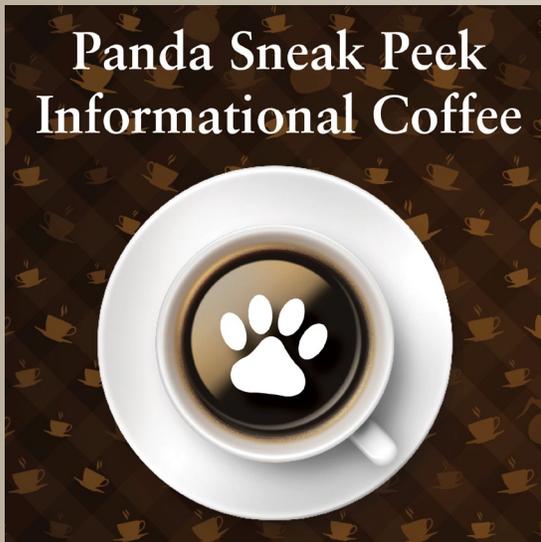
## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

In honor of Grandparent's Day earlier this week, we have 10% off of all of our Grand Panda gear! You can check it out online here: [online Bambootique!](#)



## CONGRATULATIONS ◀

Congratulations to NDA sophomore Keira Schneider who won the T-shirt design contest for the Young Women Lead Conference this coming September 24 and 25. Her prize was an iPad!



## PANDA SNEAK PEEK INFORMATIONAL COFFEES 2020 ◀

**Informational Coffees for prospective Panda parents!**

If you know any prospective families who would like to learn more about NDA, encourage them to attend a Coffee this fall. Space is limited for the in-person Coffees due to social distancing. Reservations are required for all of these events. Interested families should contact Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, for details and registration information, [caccavarik@ndapan-das.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapan-das.org) | 859-292-1829.

- Tuesday, September 22, 7 - 8 p.m.--This event will be virtual.\*\*
- Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8 - 9 a.m.--This event will be held in person on our campus.\*
- Tuesday, October 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m. (evening event)--This event will be held in person on our campus.\*
- Thursday, October 22, 7 - 8 p.m.--This event will be virtual.\*\*
- Wednesday, October 28, 8 - 9 a.m.--This event will be held in person on our campus.\*



## CLC UPDATED HOURS ◀

The Collaborative Learning Center (CLC) now has extended morning hours.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 6:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

# Campus Ministry

## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

**Campus Ministry:** We will be offering mass at 7:20 a.m. every Friday morning in the chapel during the month of September. We also continue to pray a decade of the rosary every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:40 a.m. in the chapel. All students and faculty/staff members are welcome to join us.



**Service:** Mrs. Price has visited all of the Sophomore Religion Classes this week to discuss the Sophomore Service Requirements for this school year. These are different than what was presented in the Spring, due to the Pandemic. A description can be found [here](#).

**Dress Down Day:** Thank you to all who participated in our dress down day last Thursday. **We collected \$1492.75** which will be sent to Catholic Charities in Lake Charles, Louisiana to help with Hurricane Laura relief efforts. We continue to pray for these communities as they brace for another hurricane this week.



## PANDA PRIME TIME ◀

All four grade levels, freshman through seniors, participated in socially distanced Panda Prime Time yesterday!





## College Rep Visits

### COLLEGE REP VISITS ◀

Due to COVID-19, we cannot invite College Reps into the building, but we will be organizing Virtual College Visits for NDA students!

#### **Bellarmino University**

Wednesday, September 16 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: [bellarmine.edu/register/NDA](https://bellarmine.edu/register/NDA)

#### **University of Southern California (USC)**

Monday, September 21 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://applyto.usc.edu>

#### **University of Massachusetts-Lowell (Lowell, Massachusetts)**

Monday, September 21 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://uml.zoom.us>

#### **University of Evansville**

Monday, September 21 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://zoom.us/j/2752081465>

#### **Centre College**

Tuesday, September 22 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://centre.zoom.us>

#### **Thomas More University**

Tuesday, September 22 @ 7p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://Zoom.com>

#### **WKU Virtual Visit**

Wednesday, September 23 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: [WKU / NDA Visit](#)

#### **University of Alabama**

Monday, September 28 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: [Alabama / NDA Visit](#)

#### **Furman University**

Tuesday, September 29 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://furman.zoom.us>

#### **Xavier University**

Tuesday, September 29 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://admissions.xavier.edu>

#### **Miami University (Ohio)**

Wednesday, September 30 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://miamioh.edu/visit>

#### **Transylvania University**

Thursday, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://zoom.us>

#### **Saint Louis University**

Thursday, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://slu.zoom.us/meeting>

#### **Marian University**

Monday, October 5 @ 7 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://zoom.us>

#### **Emerson College (Boston, Massachusetts)**

Monday, October 5 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://emerson.zoom.us>

#### **Vanderbilt University**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://myappvu.vanderbilt.edu/register>

#### **Dartmouth College**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://dartmouth.zoom.us>

#### **Saint Francis University (PA)**

Tuesday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://francis-edu.zoom.us>

#### **Hanover College**

Wednesday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://hanover.zoom.us>

#### **Lipscomb University**

Monday, October 12 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Visit Link: <https://lipscomb.zoom.us>

Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ [burgeik@ndapadns.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapadns.org)

# Virtual College Visits!

## YOU'RE INVITED ◀

Verto Virtual College Fair featuring Jeff Selingo  
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. ET

Join us for the first national college fair of Verto Education's fall series, with 60+ Colleges and Universities, and national education experts! We are limiting attendance for each fair to 5,000 students, parents, and counselors. Come meet with college admissions counselors from top colleges and universities, hear from national experts like Jeff Selingo, hear from current college students about their experiences, attend workshops, and enter for some free giveaways! We encourage you to share this event with your network of students and colleagues! [Register Here](#)



## WHAT WILL COLLEGE REALLY COST? ◀

Net Price Calculators can help you answer this question. "Net Price" is the amount a family can expect to pay toward a student's college education. All colleges in the US are required to have a "Net Price Calculator" on their website. Search for college Net Price Calculators here: <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

## DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

### *Making the Right Choice*

**Last year NDA had 83% of students voluntarily participate in Drug Free Club. Why haven't you registered your daughter?**

**Q: My daughter does/will not use drugs. Why would I pay for this?**

**A:** The cost of membership is \$25 (Notre Dame pays \$10 of the regular \$35 cost), which includes all kinds of rewards and prizes. Don't you want to reward your daughter for being drug-free? And for her to receive the same rewards her drug-free friends are receiving? Don't you desire her to have the associations and to be a known member of Drug Free Club? Don't you want your daughter to be able to list Drug Free Club membership on her college applications and resumes?

**At NDA, it's COOL to be IN Drug Free Club!!!**

### **How to become a Drug Free Club member at NDA:**

1. Apply and pay: Submit your one-page paper application and payment to the office or do it online [HERE](#). The fee is \$25/year. If freshmen sign up for 3 years (\$75), their senior year is free.
2. Test drug free.
3. Receive your ID Card at school.
4. Enjoy rewards from school and from our local community!
5. Stay drug free! Random drug tests can come at any time.

**Applications accepted through October 30.**

**Join before September 30 to receive Early Bird Rewards!**





## GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM (GSP) ◀

Informational videos and VLOGS detailing the sections of the Governor's Scholars Program application are now available on the [GSP website](#) under the "Applicants" tab. GSP recommends viewing these videos to supplement their [Helpful Hints Packet!](#) A GSP Informational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 24 after school in Alumnae Hall. NDA's 2020 GSP Scholars will be there to share information about their GSP experiences.

**NDA's GSP Applications are due on November 18.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (GSA) ◀

For three weeks every summer since 1987, Kentucky's most talented and creative high school students are invited to grow and learn together at the [Governor's School for the Arts' summer program](#). Rising juniors and seniors in high school are offered in-depth instruction in one of **nine artistic disciplines**:



**Architecture**

**Creative Writing**

**Musical Theater**

**Visual Art**

**Instrumental Music**

**Drama**

**Film & Photography**

**Vocal Music**

**Dance**

Applicant Guides will be released on the GSA website on October 14. Applications will open Nov. 4 -Jan. 10. Come learn more at the

**GSA Informational Meeting after school on Wednesday September 30 in Alumnae Hall!**



## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS (GSE) ◀

**There will be an Informational Meeting about the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs on Monday October 5 after school!** Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for 2021 GSE beginning Monday, November 16. Come and learn more!



## **PURCHASE YOUR FIRST CHOICE TICKETS FOR THE GALA TODAY! ◀**

Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are now selling First Choice Tickets for the Gala. Tickets are limited - only 125 tickets will be sold. To purchase your First Choice Ticket and get a preview of the outstanding gifts that are available, please contact the Sisters at 859.292.7736.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VIRTUAL 2020 AUTUMN GALA ◀**

Be sure to mark your calendar for the *2020 Autumn Gala*, scheduled for **Saturday, October 17**. Planning is in full swing for what is NDA largest fundraiser of the year. Because of the concerns for mass attendance at in-person events, the Executive Committee has made the decision to transform the Gala into a **Live Virtual Event!**

The Autumn Gala will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. There is **NO CHARGE** to “attend” the event, and directions on how to participate will be forthcoming. The Gala will feature emcee Joe Danneman from Fox 19 news, President Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA principal Jack VonHandorf and his roaming cameras, a live telephone bank with “celebrity” guests, fabulous items you can bid on, signature cocktail demonstrations, student videos, games, raffles, giveaways, and much much more. Registration for the Gala will be forthcoming.

**Have you purchased your Autumn Gala Alumnae Raffle chances yet?** This is a great way for you to support the Gala, while at the same time, have a chance to win significant dollars! As a reminder, NDA keeps 55% of the total revenue, the raffle winner receives 40%, and second prize winner receives 5%. The Raffle winner will be chosen during the Gala on October 17 via livestream.

*As a reminder, this is not the student fundraiser - students will not be selling chances for this raffle.*

To purchase raffle chances, please go to: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/2020AutumnGalaRaffle> no later than October 16.



[Boone Ready Mix](#)

Family owned and operated since 1975, BRM has grown from a fleet size of three ready-mix trucks to a modern, diversified fleet of concrete and material placement vehicles. In an ongoing effort to maintain the service that our industry demands, they are continually replacing aging equipment with more modern and efficient vehicles.

Within our current fleet, they have the ability to provide builders with a wide variety of services:

- Front discharge mixers for safer, easier concrete placement
- Tri-axle dump trucks for sand and gravel hauling
- Material conveying systems for more precise and cost effective concrete and gravel placement
- Automated batching system to insure proper mix designs and exact quantities

Their customers range from the individual home owner to home builders and commercial developers. They are counted on to provide quality concrete for a broad range of building applications, from the hot tub pad to the foundation of an office building.



## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- 2020 Smiles and Miles 5K Run/Walk and Frog Hop Family Challenge
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

## ▶ Important dates

September 18	Midquarter 7:20 a.m. Mass in Chapel
September 19	ACT at NDA
September 22	Informational Coffee for Prospective Parents
September 25	Modified Super Day at NDA StuCo Movie Night
October 8-9	NO SCHOOL
October 16	First Quarter Ends