



*An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy*

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope this evening finds you all safe and healthy. While none of us knew quite what we were in for on Ash Wednesday, the sacrifices we are making in our everyday lives through the COVID-19 crisis remind us that our Lenten journey is not over. During Lent, we focus our hearts on the cross and resurrection of Christ. We spend time in prayer and reflection and surrender ourselves to God our Father. Today we sacrifice our normal, everyday lives for executive stay at home orders and social distancing. Rather than concentrating on all that we are missing during this global epidemic, we must try to focus on the gifts God gives us during Lent - repentance and grace.

We continue to do our best as a learning community to keep our students engaged in their studies in this, our third week of Remote Learning @ NDA. We understand that this is a stressful time and we know this isn't easy for our students, especially when they are missing their friends and social lives. Each day I tell our students to "Make Good Choices" and now is certainly the time to do that. We must be diligent in slowing the spread of COVID-19 to protect ourselves and everyone around us. Please take a look at the "**GOOD CHOICES**" list on page 3 of today's Panda Press Weekly to help you and your family do your part to slow the spread. **One of the good choices listed is for students to stay home and avoid remote learning with friends.** This is a tough one I know, but good choices aren't always going to be easy choices! **It's very important that everyone in our NDA community does their part to make a difference in the world.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** You should have received an email from NDA today with an attached letter from Mr. Michael Clines, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Covington. As you will read in the letter, the Diocese has made the decision to begin Easter break for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Covington on April 7. Our Easter break will therefore begin on April 7 and go through April 17. While we are currently scheduled to return to school on Monday, April 20, that date is likely to be extended. If that date is extended, Notre Dame Academy will return to Remote Learning on April 20. We will be in touch as soon as we have further information regarding the date our students will return to school.

### **For the time being, here is our upcoming schedule at NDA:**

Thursday, April 2: Panda Prime Time Day - Students contact teachers during their PPT hours

Friday, April 3: Remote Learning (D) Students follow Wednesday class rotation.

Monday, April 6: Remote Learning (D) Students follow Wednesday class rotation.

Tuesday, April 7 - Friday, April 17: Easter Break

Monday, April 20: Students return to classes (traditional or non-traditional TBD)

Our returning students have some wonderful scholarship opportunities at NDA. If your daughter is interested in applying for any of the NDA scholarships offered for the 2019-20 school year, please check our website [HERE](#) for application information. The application deadline is April 15. Also, please note that the applications for Financial aid and Work Study are also due April 15. 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. You can access the job application for our Work Study Program as well as the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment form on the Financial Assistance page of our website [HERE](#).

Please know that you are in my prayers throughout our Lenten journey.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# ▶ COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

In this time of uncertainty we know many are searching for answers in writings, meditations, podcasts, scripture, etc. Below are some resources for you from our NDA community to help you get through these challenging days.

## FROM THE DESK OF DR. LAURA KOEHL ◀

### PRESIDENT'S BLOG

This daily blog is a way to stay in touch and share ideas and inspirations with our NDA community as we take on the challenges of COVID-19 and its effect on all of us. Our collaboration, ingenuity, cooperation and faith will prevail. You can access Dr. Koehl's blog [HERE](#).



## POPE FRANCIS ◀

Daily activities of the Holy Father Pope Francis can be found [HERE](#).

## MASS ◀

Although we are very much missing Mass at our parishes these days, you can go to Mass anywhere in the world right now online! Check out [mass-online.org](#).



## COVID-19 AND VAPING - SMOKING ◀

Because Covid-19 attacks the lungs, those who smoke or vape may be especially threatened. You can read more about this [HERE](#).

## QUARENTEENAGERS: STRATEGIES FOR PARENTING IN CLOSE QUARTERS ◀

Parents are searching for strategies that might help to address unforeseen challenges with their teenagers, especially at a time when many adults are struggling to hold it all together and may not have easy access to their usual reserves. [HERE](#) is an article for parents with quarantined teenagers recommended by our NDA counselors.



## THE MAGNIFICAT ◀

The Magnificat is great daily reflection resource. They are offering free access to their daily reflections during this time. Use this link to sign up. <https://us.magnificat.net/free>



## NKY COVID-19 SERVICE GUIDE ◀

These are difficult times for many. Catholic Charities has shared this [Northern Kentucky COVID-19 Service Guide](#) for those needing assistance during this time. If you are experiencing difficulties, you may want to use this information to reach out to one of the service agencies listed in this guide. Also, if you are in need of meals, please know that you can contact your local public school system to obtain meals.

## COVID-19 HOTLINES ◀

- [Kentucky](#)
- [OHIO](#)
- [INDIANA](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

## PRAY THE ROSARY ◀

Pope Francis asked people to unite in the spirit of prayer on March 19. We continue to ask for our Blessed Mother's intercession and protection during this time of uncertainty by praying the [Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary](#) led by our NDA Campus Minister Bridget Price.

## NDA COUNSELORS ◀

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# COVID-19 GOOD CHOICES

Here are some “**GOOD CHOICES**” that everyone in our NDA community can make to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and make a difference in the world:

- **STAY HOME** - avoid any non-essential travel. Avoid social gatherings. Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Most importantly for our students, **DO NOT PRACTICE REMOTE LEARNING WITH FRIENDS**. Remember, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING** by keeping at least 6 feet — about two arm lengths — away from others if you must go out in public. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. **STUDENTS - PLEASE stay connected with friends through video and phone calls, texts and social media.**
- **WASH YOUR HANDS** often with soap and water for at least 30 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH** with unwashed hands.
- **CLEAN AND DISINFECT HOUSEHOLD SURFACES** daily and high-touch surfaces frequently throughout the day. High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets and bedside tables. Follow CDC guidance.
- **COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES**. Use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth, and throw used tissues in a lined trash can. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow — not your hands. Wash your hands immediately.
- **STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY** and **ALWAYS** follow the directions of state and local authorities.



## SPRING BREAK: APRIL 7-17 ◀

Please note: We will have classes Monday next week. Easter break begins on Tuesday, April 7.



## PROM ◀

NDA's Prom has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 2 at Music Hall. The new registration form will be sent out within the next week or two. We recognize plans for this event are contingent upon the COVID-19 guidelines as set forth in both Ohio and Kentucky.



## ORANGE AND WHITE FLAG FOOTBALL GAME ◀

Ohio's Governor DeWine announced yesterday that all Ohio schools will do distance learning until May 1. This directly impacts St. Ursula Academy -- our competition (and partners) in the Orange and White Game; therefore, the Orange and White Game scheduled for Sunday, April 26th has been cancelled. Any ticket and t-shirt orders placed will be refunded upon our return to campus.

While we recognize this news is disappointing, those most impacted are the many benefactors of Leukemia research that is done at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. We will continue to communicate and explore with SUA the possibility of another service project completed in partnership between the two schools that serves this population.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

Congratulations to our April Student of the Month - ?  
You can read more about Madison [HERE](#).

# NDA STUDENT COUNCIL

## STUDENT COUNCIL 20-21 SCHOOL OFFICERS ◀

Congratulations to the current juniors who will serve as School Officers for the 2020-2021 school year:

### School Co-President

Sam Bailey  
Josie Lawrie

### Secretary

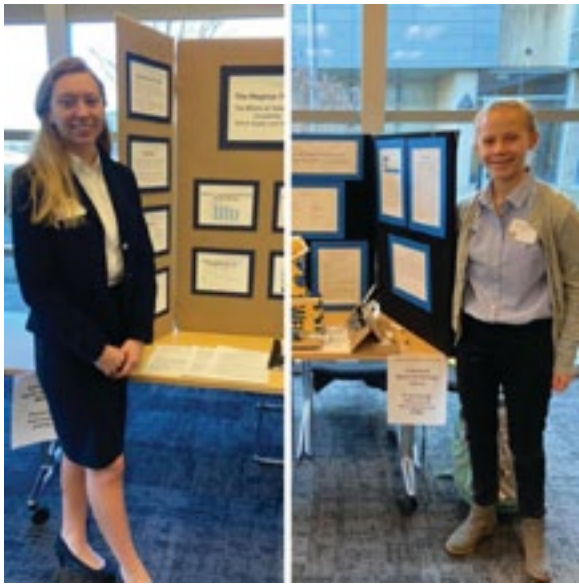
Jenna Danneman

### Public Relations

Margaret Gartner

### Treasurer

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## SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS PLACE AT STATE ◀

Thirteen NDA Science Research students qualified at the Science and Engineering Fair of Northern Kentucky (SEFNK) in February to compete at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair (KYSEF) this past weekend. The customary in-person state competition at Eastern Kentucky University was replaced with a virtual format to adhere to public health recommendations.

Several of our NDA Science Research students competed in the first ever virtual science & engineering fair in Kentucky's history using Zoom meetings to present their research. NDA senior Molly Kleier placed third in the Physics category with her project: *The Magnus Force: The Effects of Turbulence Caused by Stitch Depth and Pattern* and NDA freshman Natalie Janzaruk placed third in the Materials Science category with her project: *How the Density of Liquids in Hydraulic Actuators Affect the Strength of an Armature*.

Congratulations to these two young women as well as all of our participating science research students who blazed a new trail competing in the virtual competition! (Pictures are from SEFNK in February)



## ENGINEERING FIELD TRIP ◀

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Perrino's engineering and computer science students had a great time and learned a lot about women in science, technology and engineering at Safran Landing Systems in Walton, KY. In addition to learning about the creation of carbon fiber brake pads and the processes involved in building a braking system for aircraft, they learned that Safran aircraft landing gear are responsible for over 70,000 safe aircraft landings everyday from one of their 3 landing systems facilities in France, Malaysia, and Walton, KY.



## YEARBOOK INFORMATION ◀

Order your daughter's 2020 yearbook now through the end of April and you can spread the \$70 purchase price over three installments if you like. [https://www.jos-tens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG\\_SHOP/](https://www.jos-tens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1069982/Notre-Dame-Academy/2020-Yearbook/2020011204172891054/CATALOG_SHOP/).



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Check out all of the awesome classes offered this summer at NDA! You can find further information and registration forms online [HERE](#).

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

## ATTENTION SENIORS ◀

If you are a senior and planning to continue your athletic career in college please let Mrs. Webster know at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org). We will have an athletic signing when we return to school!

## SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS AT NDA! ◀

NDA offers many athletic camp opportunities for students of all ages. You can check out all of NDA's 2020 Summer Athletic Camps [HERE](#).

**ORTHO CINCY  
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*2020 Golf Outing*  
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020  
SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
22nd Annual NDA Golf Outing  
All proceeds benefit NDA  
Athletics  
4 Person Scramble  
\$150/player  
7:15a Registration  
8a Shotgun Start  
1p Lunch, Ball Drop,  
Auction Baskets  
Register at [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)

## NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

Mark your calendar for the OrthoCincy - Notre Dame Academy 2020 Golf Outing on Friday, July 31, 2020 at Summit Hills Country Club! You can find registration and sponsorship information [HERE](#).



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

**Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2020**

**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, 2020**.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until **APRIL 15, 2020**.

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](#).

We are currently accepting applications for Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#), and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2020.

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



2020 Scholarship Contest Date Changes



NEW DATES FOR ENTRIES

## DRUG FREE CLUB 2020 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST DATE CHANGES ◀

Due to school closures, Drug Free Clubs of America has extended the due dates of the 2020 Scholarship Essay Contest.

### **BIG Prizes are at stake, and NDA usually claims one of them!**

ONE MAIN AWARD of **\$2000.00** will be granted to the winner.

THREE awards of **\$1,000.00** will go to Runners-up.

SIX **\$500.00** awards will go to Finalists!

The new deadline dates are as follows:

#### **5/1/20:**

**Submit an essay in response to the question in the blue box below - along with this completed application - to Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard - by midnight on 5/1/20.**

If a student does not have access to Internet they can mail their essay directly to the DFCA office: 10361 Spartan Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45215

(Click [HERE](#) for Application)

### **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

*Answer this question in an essay (meeting the formatting rules above) and submit it to your school's DFCA coordinator by 5/1/20. Make sure your name, school and grade are at the top of your essay.*

What has your experience as a member of Drug Free Clubs of America taught you about yourself, your school, your family, your community and/or others you know?

- Essays must be 1-page, typed (in Arial font no bigger than 12), single-spaced, with 1-inch margins
- The DFCA member's name, school, and grade must be at the top of the essay answer.
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**5/15/20:** Qualifying essays will be read and judged by the school. Each school submits their top entry as their chapter's "Semi-Finalist" to DFCA's central office electronically by midnight on 5/15/20. DFCA covers the member's school and name (grade remains) & distributes them to judges.

**6/1/20:** Top 10 Finalists will be announced! **(All finalists will receive one of the awards!)**

**6/15/20:** Winners will be announced on or before 6/15/20

Contact Mrs. Hildreth or Mrs. Maggard with any questions!



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OR

- Contact a Counselor directly:
  - Kathy Hildreth:  
[hildrethk@ndapandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@ndapandas.org) (859) 292-1825
  - Chrissy Monohan:  
[monohanc@ndapandas.org](mailto:monohanc@ndapandas.org) (859) 292-1833
  - Erin Maggard:  
[maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org) (859) 292-1834
  - Kelly Burgei:  
[burgeik@ndapandas.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapandas.org) (859) 292-1830



## CALENDAR UPDATES ◀

NDA's Alumnae Dinner Theatre originally scheduled for April 1 is postponed until a rescheduled date can be confirmed.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Sister of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Jesuit Spiritual Center - Ignite Internship Program
- Position Available at Holy Trinity School
- Position Available at St. Joseph Heights
- Position Open for Parish Office Secretary
- Kenton County School District Recruiting Bus Drivers
- Part-time School Cafeteria Positions
- 2020 U.S. Census Employment Opportunities





## SAVE THE DATE! ◀

Save the date for the 2020 Autumn Gala, scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020. It will again be held at Summit Hills. Invitations will be mailed later in the fall, but it's not too late to mark your calendars!

If you are interested in helping, or know anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851 or [goeken@ndapandas.org](mailto:goeken@ndapandas.org) or Taffy Hebbeler at [taffheb@fuse.net](mailto:taffheb@fuse.net).



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## ► Important dates

April	2	PANDA PRIME TIME DAY (Contact teachers during their PPT hours)
	3	Remote Learning (D) Follow your Wednesday class rotation.
	6	Remote Learning (D) Follow your Wednesday class rotation.
	7-17	Easter Break
	8	Midquarter
	20	Students return to classes (traditional or non-traditional TBD)