



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

God has blessed us with a beautiful first week of fall. I hope you had an opportunity to get outside and enjoy it. Our students have certainly been taking advantage of the great weather by going to one of our outdoor campus spaces during lunch and Panda Prime Time. They are working hard at school and in their efforts to keep each other safe. As a community we are all doing our best *Uniting Humankind as Reflections of God's Love* this school year.

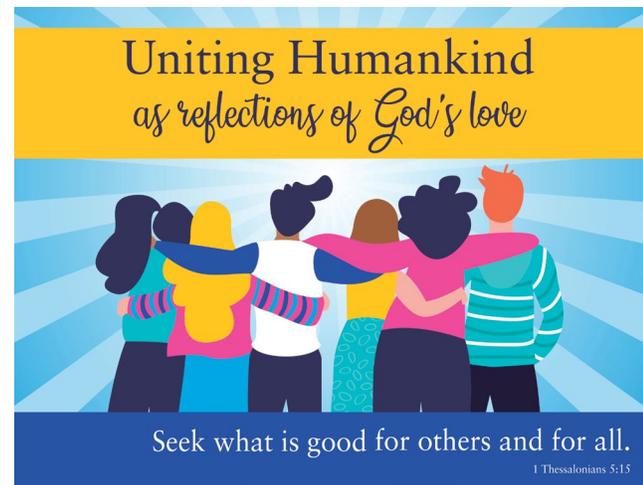
An important part of the fall season at NDA is our annual Autumn Gala. I would like to invite each and every one of you to participate in this year's Autumn Gala. It is the largest fundraiser of the year at NDA and we could really use your support. As you will see below, this year's Autumn Gala will be held on Saturday, October 17, and will have a virtual format. Although we will miss seeing each other in person, the good news is that there is no limit to the number of guests we can have and no cost to attend. Our Advancement Department and Autumn Gala committee have been working very hard to ensure that it is a fun event in celebration and support of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. You can find more ways to support this year's Gala on the following page.

Unfortunately, another part of the fall season tends to be an increase in illnesses. In light of that, I encourage you to read the review of our Daily Symptom Check questions on page three of today's Panda Press Weekly. Below each question are notes from our school nurse pertaining to the questions. We understand that a couple of these Daily Symptom Check questions can be difficult to answer if you are experiencing a symptom that could also be attributed to another illness such as a cold, flu, sinus infection or other respiratory illness. As we move into the colder months, your daughter may have some uncertainty in regard to a symptom she or someone in your household is experiencing. Please encourage her to reach out to our school nurse, Mrs. Tina Sizemore, if she is unclear about a symptom she or a member of your household is experiencing. Mrs. Sizemore will address these individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis and help your family make a decision that is best for all involved. I understand that our students do not like to miss school however, please also encourage your daughter to be as truthful as possible in answering the Daily Symptom Check questions as we all need to do what is best for the health and safety of our entire community.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
**AUTUMN**  
*Gala*

*Please join us for our virtual event  
Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

*This is NDA's largest fundraiser of the year and we need your support this year more than ever!*

*There is NO CHARGE to attend this event. Directions on how to participate will be forthcoming. NDA's 2020 Autumn Gala will feature emcee Joe Danneman from Fox 19 news, President Dr. Laura Koehl, NDA Principal Jack VonHandorf and his roaming camera, many "celebrity" guests, fabulous items you can bid on, signature cocktail demonstrations, raffles, giveaways, and much more. Registration for the Gala will be forthcoming.*

*In addition to attending and bidding on items, here is how you can help...*

***Purchase a First Choice Ticket***

*You can win the "FIRST CHOICE" of our amazing auction items with the First Choice raffle!*

*Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are now selling a limited number of First Choice tickets - only 125 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each.*

***You can preview the outstanding list of auction items to choose from [HERE](#).***

***To purchase your First Choice ticket please contact the Sisters at 859.292.7736.***

***Become a Gala Sponsor!***

*The success of the 2020 Autumn Gala greatly depends on parents/supporters like you who understand the value of a Catholic education.*

*We are hoping that you would consider one of the sponsorships that are outlined [HERE](#).*

*If you have a business that you would like to promote, we fully expect that we can promote your business even better than before because of the broader audience we will be reaching with this virtual/on-line format.*

*God bless you for your support of NDA and the 2020 Autumn Gala!*

***Purchase a Raffle Ticket***

*This is a great way for you to support the Gala, while at the same time, have a chance to win significant dollars!*

*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 click [HERE](#) and purchase your tickets no later than October 16.*



## 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!

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



## REVIEW OF DAILY SYMPTOM CHECK ◀

Colds, flus, sinus infections and other respiratory illnesses are more common in colder months which could lead to questions regarding related symptoms and our Daily Symptom Check. As we begin the season of fall with cooler temperatures in the forecast, please review the Daily Symptom Check questions as well as the additional notes posted below each one. If you have any questions regarding the Daily Symptom Check questions, please don't hesitate to contact NDA's School Nurse, Tina Sizemore, at [sizemoret@nda-pandas.org](mailto:sizemoret@nda-pandas.org).

### 1. Have you been tested and tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

This is an easy question to answer with no need for further explanation.

### 2. Do you have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, as measured by a reliable and accurate home thermometer?

Again, this is an easy question to answer with no need for further explanation.

### 3. Do you have any COVID-19 related symptoms, including persistent non-allergy related cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain not attributable to recent activity, sore throat, new rash, GI symptoms (i.e. vomiting or diarrhea), or new loss of taste or smell?

This can be a difficult question to answer if you are experiencing a symptom that could also be attributed to another illness such as a cold, flu, sinus infection or other respiratory illnesses. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new rash, GI symptoms, fatigue or lethargy, **PLEASE ANSWER "YES" TO THIS QUESTION so that our school nurse can address your symptoms with you.** As we move into colder months, there are going to be some gray areas when you will need the advice of Mrs. Sizemore. She will address these individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis and help you make a decision for the health and safety of all involved.

### 4. Has anyone in your household been diagnosed with, tested for or showing symptoms of, COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Again, this can be a difficult question to answer if you are trying to identify the nature of an illness on your own based on symptoms common to a cold, flu, sinus infection or other respiratory illnesses. If you or someone in your household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new rash, GI symptoms, fatigue or lethargy, **PLEASE ANSWER "YES" TO THIS QUESTION so that our school nurse can address your symptoms with you.** She will address these individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis in order to help you make a decision for the health and safety of all involved.

### 5. Have you been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Please remember the definition of "Close Contact" from our COVID-19 response chart: within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or longer regardless of mask use.

### 6. Have you traveled outside of the United States or any high-risk locations, as defined by the Kentucky Department of Public Health travel advisory, in the last 14 days or been in close contact with someone who traveled to a high-risk location in the past 14 days? This is based upon states with a positivity testing rate at or above 15%. Have you traveled, in the last 14 days, via public transportation such as a plane or bus?

The "public transportation" directive is part of the "Diocese of Covington Department of Catholic Schools COVID-19 Return to School Requirements" that was updated on August 28, 2020. This was posted on the NDA website and sent to you in the Panda Press Weekly. **PLEASE NOTE: Mode of transportation applies to a plane, bus, subway, train or international travel outside the US.**

# STUDENT LIFE

GET  
INVOLVED!

## Campus Ministry

NDA  
SUPER  
DAYS



### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES ◀

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held virtually this year and through the use of Zoom. Conferences will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. and school will dismiss at 2:00 on this day. The conference sign up sheet will be shared in next few days.

### CLUB ORIENTATION ◀

This Friday is the first of two Club Orientations. During this time, sophomores and juniors will learn about the many clubs and activities available at Notre Dame Academy. Clubs and activities offer wonderful ways for all Pandas to develop their interests, give back to the community, make new friends and have fun. All students are encouraged to take part in the fun by joining at least one club or activity this year. Freshmen and seniors will attend Club Orientation on Tuesday, October 6.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

**Campus Ministry:** We will offers 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.

### 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.

**REMINDER: 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.

**REMINDER: Sophomores and Juniors will be off on Tuesday, October 6 with no classes.**

### TEXTILES NEWS ◀

Textiles classes are celebrating the bounty of fall and God's generosity by making pumpkins!



## BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Pandas can never have too many t-shirts, especially NDA t-shirts! This week the Bambootique is running a special sale - 10% all T-shirts! Shop online here: [online Bambootique!](#)



## NDA | CCH BAND ◀

Our NDA/CCH Band has been working hard and staying safe this school year! Enjoy [this wonderful performance](#) by the NDA/CCH Band, Percussion Ensemble, NDA Color Guard and Dance Pandas!

## ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK ◀

[CLICK HERE](#) for the lunch 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 15.**

### Reminders about lunch:

**PARENTS:** Please check the students lunch account balances through the PayPams link above. We have many with overdue balances.

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 ala 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





## 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!

#### **Mount St Joseph University**

Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://zoom.us>

#### **University of Alabama**

Monday, September 28 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: [Alabama / NDA Visit](#)

#### **Furman University**

Tuesday, September 29 @7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://furman.zoom.us>

#### **Xavier University**

Tuesday, September 29 @7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://admissions.xavier.edu>

#### **University of Tennessee (Knoxville)**

Tuesday, September 29 @7:00.m.

Visit Link: <https://tennessee.zoom.us>

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

Wednesday, September 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://miamioh.edu/visit>

#### **Belmont University**

Wednesday, September 30 @ 7:00 p.m.

Visit Link: <https://belmontu.zoom.us>

#### **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 @ 7:00 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>

#### **Long Island University - Post**

Thurs, Oct 22 @ 7:00pm

Visit Link: <https://liu.zoom.us>

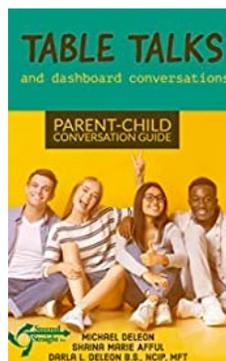
Questions about College Visits: Contact Ms. Burgei @ [burgeik@ndapadns.org](mailto:burgeik@ndapadns.org)



**University  
of Dayton**

## UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON: EXPLORE ENGINEERING EVENTS ◀

Free Opportunities to explore a career in Engineering. All grades welcome!  
More information and to register: [Explore Engineering Fall 2020](#)



## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

- NDA [Parent Toolbox](#)

**September Highlight from the Parent Toolbox:** Table Talks and Dashboard Conversations: This book has more than 365, three-minute, conversations to deepen the parent/guardian-child connection. Topics include drugs and addiction, sex education, relationships/ friendships, goal setting, defining who they are and who they want to become in life, and how to take a stand when witnessing or encountering bullying. There are also 96 Family Field Trips that you can plan with your family.



***Making the Right Choice***

## DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

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**:

<b>Architecture</b>	<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>Musical Theater</b>
<b>Visual Art</b>	<b>Instrumental Music</b>	<b>Drama</b>
<b>Film &amp; Photography</b>	<b>Vocal Music</b>	<b>Dance</b>

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!**

Visit [www.kentuckygsa.org](http://www.kentuckygsa.org) to learn more about GSA and review the GSA applicant [applicant brochure](#).

Register for GSA [virtual info sessions](#) - the first session is October 1st!

Follow GSA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Contact GSA anytime with questions/ideas at [gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org](mailto:gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org).

## 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!

GSE has scheduled seven virtual events on Hopin this fall for prospective applicants and their families to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. The link to register is below, as well as the schedule for events.

### Virtual Learning Events for GSE:

Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 5-6 p.m. ET

Monday, Oct. 5 from 4-5 p.m. ET

Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4-5 p.m. ET

Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 4-5 p.m. ET

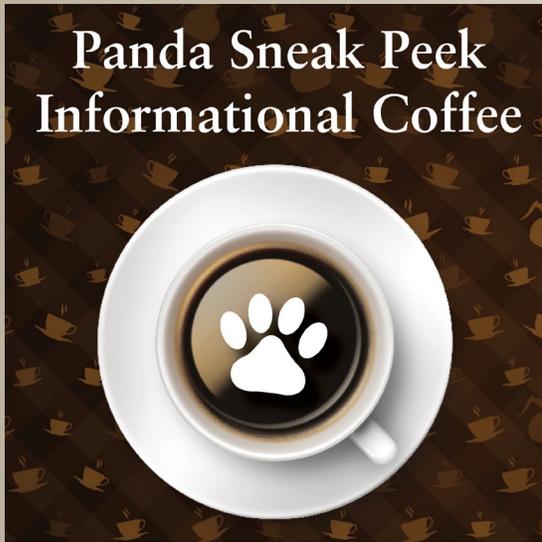
Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4-5 p.m. ET

Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4-5 p.m. ET

Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m. ET

This free, prestigious program will take place on Northern Kentucky University's campus in the summer of 2021. All current 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students are welcome to apply. [LINK](#)





## 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.

- Wednesday, September 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.\*



### [Central Bank](#)



Central Bank traces its roots back to 1938, when the Southern Industrial Loan Company was founded. Soon after that, the name was changed to Central Exchange Bank. In 1946, Garvice D. Kincaid purchased Central Exchange Bank and shortened the name to Central Bank. We've grown significantly from our humble beginnings at the corner of Short and Upper streets in downtown Lexington. We're now proud to be community fixtures in Berea, Crestview Hills, Ft. Mitchell, Georgetown, Lexington, Louisville, Nicholasville, Richmond, Union and Winchester. Today, we've grown to almost 540 employees, serving more than 100,000 Central Bank customers, with a full range of banking, insurance, investment and wealth management services. A good many of those choose to bank online or on their mobile devices, taking the convenience of our Central Bank service with them wherever they go. Putting our customers first – understanding customer needs and keeping the service personalized and flexible – is what built this Bank. We call it Central Service, and it's your right to expect it every time we have an opportunity to serve you.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

# ► Important dates

September 25	Mass in Chapel 7:20  Modified Super Day at NDA JR Practice ACT/SO Cert Test (FR & SR off school)  Club Orientation in the Gym and Auditorium
September 28	Foundations Week Begins
September 30	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - In Person
October 1	Foundation Day
October 6	Modified Super Day (JR and SO off school)
October 7	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Virtual
October 8	No School
October 9	No School
October 13	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - In Person
October 16	First Quarter Ends  Picture Retake Day
October 17	2020 Virtual Autumn Gala
October 22	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - Virtual
October 24	ACT at NDA
October 28	Informational Parent Coffee for Prospective Parents - In Person  Common Reader Day