



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

This week we focus on respecting life for all, from conception to natural death. Although our Pandas will not be able to participate in the March for Life in Washington D.C. this year due to COVID-19, they will still have the opportunity to make a difference supporting the pro-life cause. On Friday, our NDA community will join other Diocesan schools in the Day of Prayer and Penance and participate in the Diocesan Mass virtually. Please feel free to join us for the Life March Diocesan Mass - live streamed, here: <https://vimeo.com/covcathedralbasilica>

As you can see below, today we are reporting 11 additional reported positive cases of COVID-19 in our NDA community. While we hoped these numbers would decline by the end of this month, that does not seem to be the case. These positive cases are coming from students exposed to family members with COVID-19 and students exposed at events outside of school. Many of our students continue to participate in athletic and extracurricular activities unrelated to NDA where they are exposed to large groups of individuals and are at times required to travel. We are working very hard to manage these situations and the contact tracing involved. In order for us to continue to follow Plan 1 of our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* with all students on campus with safety precautions in place, we need your help. Please continue to:

- Report any COVID-19 related issues involving your family or other illnesses your daughter may be experiencing with our school nurse. **Honest communication is critical to our success and the health and well being of our community.**
- **AVOID TRAVELING.** As you will see below, the Diocese has updated its travel quarantine guidance returning to previous guidance which mandates quarantines for travel to states where the positivity rate is 15% or higher. If you do choose to travel, we need you to communicate your travel plans to us. We will continue to require a quarantine for the following:
 - international travel
 - travel via public transportation
 - travel to a state with a positivity rate of 15% or higher
 - travel involving high-risk activities

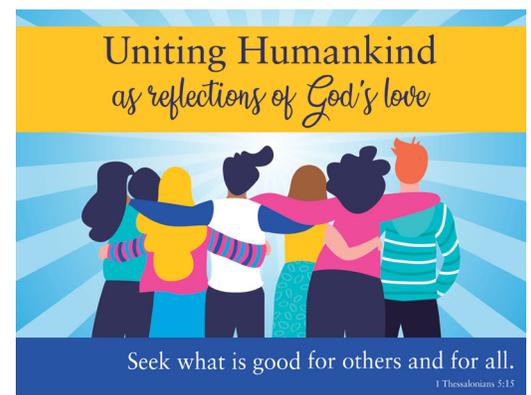
I realize how tempting it is to make travel plans for our upcoming spring break however, I urge you to consider waiting until school is out this summer to take your family vacation. We are in the process of planning how we will handle the return of our students after spring break and will communicate those plans to you in the coming weeks.

As I have said before, I cannot remember a time when the partnership we have with our parents has been so vital to the education of our students. It is critically important that we continue to work together to keep our students safe and engaged in meaningful learning. Open and honest communication is key to our success!

Have a great week!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION

[Learn More >>](#)

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

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE ◀

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 or Mrs. McLeod in the front office 859.292.1821 or mcleods@ndapandas.org.

It is important that your daughter continues to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies. **PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR DAUGHTER FROM GATHERING IN PERSON WITH FRIENDS DURING THIS TIME.**

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

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



Together we can Make a Difference!

As of today, Wednesday, January 27, we have had 11 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. As per our requirements, those involved are following the quarantine guidelines in our [COVID-19 Response Chart](#). We have also been informed by several members of our NDA community who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Those members of our community are also in quarantine.

We have consulted with the Diocese of Covington about these recent cases and we thank the families involved for reporting this information and helping to keep our school community safe.

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.

Important Reminders:

KHSAA COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY FORM ◀

All students who test positive for COVID-19 must be cleared for progression back to activity by an approved health care provider (MD/DO) and **MUST** complete the [KHSAA COVID-19 Return to Play Form](#) before returning to participation in a physical education class or sports at NDA. Please return forms to our school nurse, Mrs. Tina Sizemore, RN.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS ◀

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- **Headache**
- **Fever or chills**
- **Cough**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **Fatigue**
- **Muscle or body aches**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Sore throat**
- **Congestion or runny nose**
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**

While these are the most common symptoms of COVID-19, this list does not include all possible symptoms. If your daughter is experiencing ANY of the symptoms above or any other medical symptoms, **PLEASE ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION** and contact our school nurse. By misinterpreting signs and symptoms, we can put others in jeopardy. **PLEASE** do not try to diagnose or interpret symptoms you may be experiencing. We are lucky to have a medical professional at NDA to assist us in these matters.

Remote Learners:

Absent students are **NOT** automatically added to the Remote Learner List. Remote learners **MUST** have permission from NDA administration to be on the Remote Learner List. Students can get admin. permission by communicating with [Mrs. Grayson](#), [Mrs. Sizemore](#) or [Mrs. McLeod](#).

ALSO, students **MUST** be cleared by Mrs. Grayson, Mrs. Sizemore or Mrs. McLeod prior to coming back to in person classes.

PLEASE NOTE

Travel Advisory Information:

We know that travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19 and that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Therefore, **ALL TRAVEL IS HIGHLY DISCOURAGED FOR NDA STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY VACATION DURING THE SUMMER.** If you are planning to travel **ANYTIME** (including spring break), please see the [updated guidelines from the Diocese](#) and the [CDC travel guidelines](#) and note that at NDA:

- Prior to your trip, travel **MUST** be reported to our school nurse, [Tina Sizemore, RN.](#) (859.292.1843), [Mrs. McLeod](#) (859.292.1821) or [Mrs. Grayson](#) (859.292.1826).
- International travel will require a 14 day quarantine.
- Domestic travel that meets any of the following criteria will require a mandatory 10 day quarantine:
 - Travel via public transportation such as plane or bus
 - Travel to a [state with a positivity rate of 15% or higher](#)
- **A positive test result showing your daughter has antibodies from an infection that causes COVID-19 and/or a COVID-19 vaccination does not eliminate the need to quarantine after travel.**

STUDENT LIFE



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 - February 6

#CSW21

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ◀

Our StuCo leaders have all sorts of wonderful things planned for next week's Catholic Schools Week - take a look:

Catholic Schools Week

Monday- Nunday Monday

- come dressed in your grade school uniform or grade school spirit wear !

Tuesday- Sisterhood Sleepover

- wear your favorite comfy pajamas to school for a movie at lunch in the gym!

Wednesday- Hollywood Day!

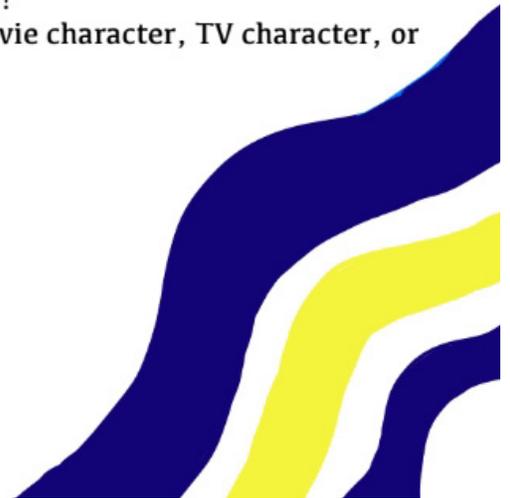
- dress as your favorite movie character, TV character, or celebrity (no face paint)

Thursday- Boy Day

- dress like a boy for a day

Friday- Decades day!

- Freshman- future
- Sophomores- 2000s
- Juniors-90s
- Seniors-80s



Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS ◀

Campus Ministry: We 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.

This Friday, our NDA community will join other diocesan schools in the Day of Prayer and Penance and participate in the Diocesan Mass virtually. Please join us in prayer as we support all life from conception to natural death. You can join us for the Life March Diocesan Mass - live streamed, here:

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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, January 29.**



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Bambootique Deal of the Week: Honey Crew Crop Corduroy Sweatshirt - Regular \$50.00. sale price. \$20.00. Don't miss the deals at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

Alumnae Storyboard

ALUMNAE STORYBOARD ◀

The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that you can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world. The Storyboard serves as a source of inspiration and motivation just for you! You can access the Alumnae Storyboard [HERE](#).



LEARN ABOUT AMAZONSMILE AND SUPPORT NDA ◀

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you should know about AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is sign up [HERE](#) and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to Notre Dame Academy! Thanks for supporting NDA!

Notre Dame Academy Freshman Priority Application Period

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION FOR CLASS OF 2025 ◀

Priority Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

If you have a daughter who is interested in applying as an incoming freshman for the 2021-22 school year, you may do so online with our Application for Admission on the website [HERE](#). The non-refundable registration fee must be paid online with a credit card in order to complete the Application for Admission. Students who apply during this period are included in a drawing for a free iPad or a \$500 tuition voucher. Incoming freshmen who are eligible for academic scholarships must apply for admission by the priority deadline in order to confirm receipt of their scholarship. If you have questions, please contact NDA Director of Admissions Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829 or at caccavarik@ndapandas.org.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



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VOTE TODAY! ◀

Hey Pandas - vote for Lainy Kruger for swimmer of the week and Lacey Bradshaw for basketball player of the week [HERE!](#)

PANDA BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT ◀

Don't miss this year's Basketball Senior Night this Saturday! Cheer on the Pandas from the comfort of your couch in your pajamas [at this link!](#) It will be a fun and entertaining night good Panda basketball and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with seniors Riley Hemmer, Kate Moore, Josie Lawrie and Jenna Shriver as they take on Owen County!

The JV game will be streamed first at 2:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game at 4:00 p.m. E.S.T

WE NEED YOUR HELP! ◀

We would like to share more of our events on YouTube and we need your help to do so! In order to live stream with a mobile device on YouTube, our channel needs to have at least 1000 subscribers. Currently we have 133. **PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to NDA's YouTube channel today.** Once we have 1000 subscribers, we will be able to share Masses, athletics events and more with our NDA community!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT JOB POSTING ◀

JV Lacrosse Head Coach

Notre Dame Academy is looking for a JV Lacrosse Head Coach for the 2021 Spring season. This position will oversee the JV team and report to our Varsity head coach. Experience at the high school level is desired. All coaches must go through KHSAA and Diocese onboarding and training once hired. Please send a letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.



COLLEGE PLANNING MEETINGS

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NDA Counselors will be having their annual College Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9 for the current juniors class and Thursday, February 11 for the freshmen and sophomores. We will be holding this event virtually this year. We will be addressing the scheduling process, standardized testing and steps your student should be taking for college at this meeting. If you would like to attend one of the meetings please sign up below on the appropriate link. We will send out a reminder and provide a Google meet link to those who have signed up. We will also email out the slides to parents after the meeting if you are not able to attend virtually.

Sign Up for Junior College Planning Meeting February 9 at 6:30 p.m.: [Click here to register](#)

Sign up for Freshmen and Sophomore College Planning Meeting on February 11 at 6:30 p.m.: [Click here to register](#)

ACT MATH PREP ◀

NKY Tutoring offers ACT Math Prep. They are offering a class that will prepare Juniors for the March 2 ACT that they will take during school. This class would also be great if you are considering taking the April 17 ACT.

Find out more here: [NKY Math Prep](#)



MATH TEST PREP FOR JUNIOR ACT ON MARCH 2ND ◀

NKy Tutoring will be hosting a virtual ACT prep class specifically centered around the Math section for the upcoming Junior ACT on March 2nd. The class will be an hour each week, run for 4 weeks and will be \$199. For more information or to register for the class please see the link below.

You can register here at www.nkytutoring.com/schedule.

If you have any questions or if you are looking for 1-1 prep, feel free to contact Tony Miglio at nkytutoring@gmail.com



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

[NDA PARENT TOOLBOX](#)



[River Metals Recycling](#) (RMR) is the largest scrap recycler in Kentucky and in the greater Cincinnati/NKY region, with nine locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

River Metals Recycling gladly pays you to recycle your scrap metal. Bring in your old cars or trucks, appliances, cast iron, aluminum, copper, brass, and electronic scrap to RMR's Newport, Kentucky recycling facility and get cash on the spot, fast! We are open to the public 6 days a week at 1220 Licking Pike. Check us out at RMRRecycling.com or call us at 859-331-CASH. Join area businesses and your neighbors, and recycle with us!

COMMUNITY NEWS



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

- School Choice Week Video
- Education Opportunity Account Bills Filed
- Part-time job opportunity
- Live the Love Mother Daughter Program
- Cafeteria Staff Needed
- Resources to Support Learning for parents, educators, & kids of all ages
- Help Wanted: School Cafeteria Managers and School Cafeteria Staff

▶ Important dates

January 29	Life March Diocesan Mass - live streamed
February 1	Catholic schools week begins
	Nunday Monday
February 3	Diocesan Mass for CSW - live streamed
February 5	Talent show
February 15	No School - Presidents' Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday Mass
March 2	Super Day - ACT/CERT Testing