



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a good Wednesday. While the snowy trees on campus were beautiful this morning, I think we are all glad to see the snow melt this afternoon as we anxiously await more seasonal weather.

You should have received an email from NDA this morning with a [letter](#) from Kendra McGuire, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Covington, along with the updated [Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#) document. As mentioned in the letter, the Diocesan COVID Committee approved significant updates to our church, school and athletic protocols in light of the many changes that have come from the CDC, the Kentucky Department of Health, and our local health department. I briefly mentioned a few of the updated COVID-19 protocols last week in my letter in the Panda Press Weekly including:

- We are no longer conducting temperature checks for students, staff or visitors upon entry into the school building or athletic events.
- In order to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our community following spring break, we will continue to use our COVID-19 Symptom Checker through next Friday however, after that, we will discontinue using our COVID-19 Symptom Checker on a daily basis.
- Moving forward, those who have been fully vaccinated will no longer need to follow our NDA travel quarantine requirements. (Fully vaccinated means two weeks after the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.)

While we are making these changes to our COVID-19 protocols, please know that we feel strongly about continuing to follow COVID-19 mitigation strategies at NDA. We are still in a global pandemic and we recognize that COVID-19 remains a threat to many members of our community, namely our students who have not had the opportunity to get vaccinated yet. Please continue to keep NDA updated on any COVID-19 related issues involving your family or travel plans.

As the end of April quickly approaches, we begin to look toward the end of the school year and our exam schedule. This will be the first exam experience for our freshmen and only the second one for our sophomores. Exams usually raise the anxiety level a notch and I am sure this year will not be different. Please know that Mrs. Grayson and I are working closely with our Student Services Department to alleviate stress for our students during this important time. We will be adding additional Panda Prime Time slots and Exam Fest days after school to help us in the effort. I encourage you to talk to your daughter about her exams and make sure that she is making healthy choices in the upcoming weeks to reduce her stress level as we head into this exam period.

I hope you have a wonderful week and I thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Uniting Humankind
as reflections of God's love



Seek what is good for others and for all.

NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION

Learn More >>

NDA COVID-19 INFORMATION ◀

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

FROM THE
SCHOOL
NURSE



IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATED PROTOCOLS: ◀

With the increase in COVID-19 vaccinations and the decline in the number of COVID-19 cases, we are able to update a few of our COVID-19 protocols:

- We will no longer be conducting temperature checks for students, staff or visitors upon entry into school or athletic events.
- We will continue to use our COVID-19 Symptom Checker through Friday, April 23 to ensure that NDA is a safe and healthy environment following spring break. We will not use our COVID-19 Symptom Checker beginning on April 26.
- Moving forward, those who have been fully vaccinated do not need to follow NDA's travel quarantine requirements. Fully vaccinated means two weeks after the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Please continue to 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.

COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

- 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, April 21, we have had 0 reported cases of a member of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We still have several students who have reported that they have been exposed to COVID-19 or they have traveled by public transportation within the last 10 days. As per our requirements, those students are following the quarantine guidelines in our [COVID-19 Response Chart](#).

We have consulted with the Diocese of Covington about these recent exposure 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.

STUDENT LIFE

STU-CO NEWS: ◀

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as Class Co-Presidents for the 2021-2022 school year:

Class of 2022:

Jillian Martin
Caroline Muck

Class of 2023:

Kendall Hemsath
Lily Sassler

Class of 2024:

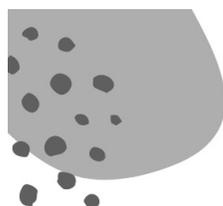
Jasmine Barczak
Hannah Renaker

Next up....elections for Student Council Homeroom Representatives. Any current Freshmen through Junior who is interested in running for this office, must submit their application by Monday, May 3.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH ◀

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



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PANDA PROWL

PANDA PROWL ADJUSTED SCHEDULE ◀

Next Friday, students will take part in the Panda Prowl 5K! Students need to report to their homerooms by 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 30 and school will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on this day.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING ◀

The Diocese of Covington is committed to creating and building safe environments in its schools and parishes. Next Thursday, April 29, all Notre Dame Academy students will attend a safety presentation facilitated by Julie Feinauer, School Counselor at St. Henry District High School. Mrs. Feinauer will be speaking to our students about her experiences and how to be safe and aware in your environment. She will touch upon how to identify abuse of all types.

All students will participate in this program unless Notre Dame Academy receives written notification from a parent or guardian indicating that permission is not granted for his or her daughter to participate. To opt out of the Safe Environment Training, please provide written notification by Wednesday, April 28 to the attention of Mrs. Amber Grayson, Assistant Principal.

JOIN US FOR BENEFIT NIGHT AT SKYLINE! ◀

Notre Dame Academy is partnering with St. Ursula Academy in Cincinnati to raise money for Leukemia research at Children's hospital. Typically funds are raised through the annual Orange and White flag football game, but this year, Skyline is helping us combine forces for good. Mark your calendars for next Wednesday, April 28 and plan for Skyline for dinner!

Bring [this ticket](#) to Skyline Chili at 1730 Dixie Highway on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. and 10% of the night's sales will be given to Notre Dame Academy and then turned over to Children's Hospital for Leukemia research. This coupon is only valid at the Skyline - Ft. Wright location.

PLEASE NOTE!
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ATTENTION SENIORS!



SENIOR SEMI-FORMAL EVENT ◀

Next Friday, Seniors will gather at Music Hall where they will celebrate the members of the graduating class surrounded by greenery and the beauty of Music Hall's Box Office Ballroom. The event will include dinner, music, lights, a faculty band performance and a game show-style presentation of senior superlatives. Doors open for the event at 8:00 p.m., and all students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. for the onset of dinner service. Seniors can leave as early as 10:30 p.m. as the event concludes at 11:00 p.m.

The Class of 2021 has identified this as a semi-formal event, so a variety of attire is welcome but should adhere to NDA's dress code including the following:

- Neckline should be high enough to avoid showing cleavage.
- Length of outfit/dress should extend beyond fingertips when arms fully extended (this includes slits at any place on the dress)
- Back of dress should not extend below the back curvature.
- Cut outs in dress are not permitted on areas typically covered by dress (midriff, chest area, etc); a mesh lining or otherwise appropriate fabric could be sewn in to address this issue.
- Sides of dress should properly cover side of chest.

A huge thank you to the Publications Class, Student Council and the other members of the planning committee for their work planning an enjoyable event for the Class of 2021.

IMPORTANT GRADUATION INFORMATION ◀

Seniors received their caps and gowns on Monday. The graduation gowns are rented and the caps are your daughter's to keep. Seniors, please open your gown up when you get home and make sure it is in good shape.

We have a few graduation updates for you:

- Notre Dame Academy will have an in-person graduation for its Class of 2021 on Friday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center
- Due to the capacity at the Convention Center, each graduate can receive up to 4 tickets.
- NDA will provide live-streaming of the event due to the capacity restrictions.

Further information regarding graduation and senior events will be posted on our website [HERE](#) as the information becomes available. Also, there will be an article in this week's issue of The Messenger talking about this year's graduations in the Diocese of Covington.



Campus Ministry



RETREAT UPDATES ◀

Junior Retreat Update: The Junior Class Retreat will be held this Friday, April 23, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Juniors are expected to attend. If your daughter is on the remote learning list at that time she will be sent reflection activities to complete at home that day as she will not be allowed on campus.

Sophomore Retreat & Ring Ceremony: The Sophomore Class Retreat will be held tomorrow, Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All Sophomores are expected to attend. If your daughter is on the remote learning list, she will be sent reflection activities to complete at home that day as she will not be allowed on Campus. We will be incorporating the Sophomore Ring Ceremony into the Retreat Day this year. Sophomore parents received an email including Zoom information to attend the Mass and ring ceremony virtually.

Please say a prayer for all the sophomores and juniors who will be making their retreat that they are open to messages that they hear. Please also pray for the seniors leading the sophomore retreat and the faculty members leading the junior retreat that they speak God's truth as they minister to our students.



BAMBOOTIQUE NEWS ◀

Check out the Deal of the Week at NDA's Bambootique! In honor of this morning's snowfall, Mrs. McLeod is selling our Puffy jackets and vests for only \$10.00! Shop now at NDA's [online Bambootique](#).

PANDA PROWL ◀

At NDA, the student fundraiser allows students to develop a culture of philanthropy. Our students learn the importance of a Catholic education and supporting their school. Please encourage your daughter to share the [Panda Prowl Link](#) with family and friends and to go the extra mile! Together we can make a difference.

EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED ◀

We are still in need of Event Sponsors for the Panda Prowl! Event sponsors will have their logo displayed on the back of our Panda Prowl t-shirts and on easels at each checkpoint. If your business is interested in a sponsorship, contact Denise Bowman at bowmand@ndapandas.org by this Friday 4/23.

SUPPORT THE PANDA PROWL WITH VENMO! ◀

Notre Dame Academy now has Venmo as a way to donate to the Panda Prowl! You can use the QR code to the left to Venmo your donation to the Panda Prowl. Make sure to add your student's name and Panda Prowl in the message field!

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**TURN IN
Day
TOMORROW!!!!**

We are getting close-only
3
more turn in days remain!

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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 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](#).

Orders for next week are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS ◀

Attention Parents - Please check on your daughter's lunch account balance - we currently have many overdue accounts. You can check your daughter's account here: [PayPams](#).



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](#).

YEARBOOK NEWS! ◀

2020: Distribution of the 2020 NDA yearbook, Women With a Vision, began Monday in homerooms and will continue Friday. If you are a remote learner, you may pick up your copy when you return to campus. 2020 graduates' books were mailed to their home addresses. If you did not buy your copy yet, we have some for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email Mr. Glynn (glynnr@ndapandas.org) for more information.

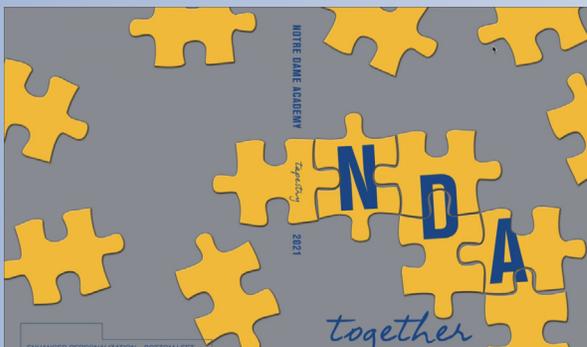
2021: The 2021 book, Together, is on sale now at jostens.com through May 15. Books are \$70 and will be ready for fall delivery.

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS! ◀

Don't forget to buy your yearbook! Yearbooks on sale through May 28 [HERE](#).

Senior parents: You're understandably proud of your daughter? Why not say it with a yearbook recognition ad? They're available in a variety of sizes starting at just \$45. You get to choose the photos and words you want, and making them is quick, easy and fun! Getting started is as simple as following this link:

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/ybAdDesigner/1069982/-/20210223041611680102/CATALOG_SHOP/



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

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KHSAA COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY FORM ◀

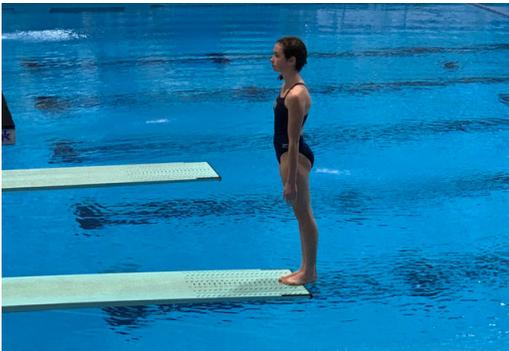
All students who test positive for COVID-19 must be cleared for progression back to activity by an approved health care provider (MD/DO) and **MUST** complete the [KHSAA COVID-19 Return to Play Form](#) before returning to participation in a physical education class or sports at NDA.

VOTE TODAY! ◀

NDA's lacrosse team and several of our players are up for NKY Athlete of the Week awards:

NDA Lacrosse Team
Ellie Joyce - Lacrosse
Michaela Summe - Track
Tori Danneman - Softball

You can vote [HERE](#).



AQUA PANDAS HEAD TO STATE ◀

Five Aqua Pandas are heading to the State meet at the end of the week! Sophomore Diver Chelsea Collins will be competing this Thursday in Versailles, KY. Swimmers Lainy Kruger (Sophomore), Sophie Anderson (Sophomore), Riley Quinn (Sophomore), and Sammie Poulos (Freshman) will be competing Saturday in Barboursville, at Union College.

Good luck at States, Pandas!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS ◀

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

The Teen Girl's Survival Survival Guide: 10 Tips for Making Friends, Avoiding Drama, and Coping with Social Stress, by Lucy Hemmen

For teen girls, pressures and stressors come from every direction. Having good, healthy relationships with friends you can count on makes all the difference. This guide offers ten tips that guide toward creating and maintaining the social life they want. This guide also includes stories from older teen girls who have recently been there—and have plenty to say about it.

APRIL IS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH! ◀

NDA's Pandaversity Club has posted a large **World Map** in the 1st floor hallway to recognize and celebrate the diversity of our NDA community. There are small **Panda stickers** for everyone to place stickers on the map to show where you and/or your family are from! We thought it would be interesting to see everyone's geographic origins, as well as promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other!

2021 KENTUCKY GIRLS STATE PROGRAM ◀

The 2021 Kentucky Girls State Program is open to current Juniors and Seniors with an interest in Political Science, Government, or History. This Virtual Session will take place June 6-11 and provide young women with the opportunity to learn about government by establishing a mock government. Each attendee is assigned a mythical city, a political party, runs for elected offices, and gains a seat in the Senate or House of Representatives to pass legislation. Contact a School Counselor for more information. Deadline for registration is May 15. Click [HERE](#) for forms and information.

DRUG FREE CLUB ◀

Applications for 2021-22 Student Leadership Positions are open for current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors! (Complete the Google Form from Mrs. Hildreth sent on April 12 and/or April 14.) **Applications are due this Friday, April 23.**

Drug Testing was conducted again at NDA on Monday, April 19! Random students were tested and rewarded as well as a large number of Unconfirmed Members." All students who have been tested at school this year are considered ACTIVE Club Members! If a student has not been tested yet this year, they have not been forgotten but will be tested at a future date! Contact Mrs. Hildreth with any questions.

Many compelling essays from all grades were submitted to the **Drug Free Club Scholarship Essay Contest. The winner from Notre Dame Academy is Junior, Jodi Lovensheimer!** Jodi shared a powerful testimony about how Drug Free Club has affected her through her years of membership. Jodi's essay will continue in the competition with the top essays from all other schools that offer Drug Free Clubs of America!. We will continue to hope for one of the top prizes for Jodi!



Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) (Bellarmine University, Centre College, Morehead State University)

GSP: Accepted (7)/ GSP Alternates (0)

Abigail (Abby) Breeze
Katherine (Katie) Crail
Caroline Kleman
Ana Kothandram
Jillian MacKnight
Samantha Mazzaro
Ella Timmerding



After a rigorous application process that lasted most of the year, these seven Pandas have been accepted into the 2021 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program. They have been selected to spend five weeks this summer on a KY college campus, studying interesting topics, going on field trips, listening to intriguing speakers, watching captivating performances, working on service-learning projects, living in a college dorm, and making new friends from all around the state! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them!! We are very proud of them!

Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) (University of Kentucky)

GSA: Accepted (9)/GSA Alternates (1)

Claire Banks - Architecture + Design
Clara Weber - Architecture + Design
Gabrielle Joyce - Architecture + Design
Lexi Foust - Visual Art
Gabrielle Joyce - Visual Art
Molly Chun - Vocal Music
Reagan Elfers - Dance
Brynne Seither - Dance
Dinithi Fernando - Drama
Kora Hammersmith - Drama
Clara Weber - Visual Art (Alt.)



Nine Pandas are among 256 high school students from all over Kentucky who have been selected into the 2021 KY Governor's School for the Arts. These students will spend 3 weeks this summer at the University of Kentucky immersed in nine different art forms: Architecture + Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film + Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art, and Vocal Music! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them!! We are very proud of them!

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE) (Northern Kentucky University)

GSE: Accepted (3)/GSE Alternates (0)

Gabrielle (Ellie) Joyce
Riley Maddox
Bella Marita



Notre Dame Academy students Bella Marita, Riley Maddox, and Ellie Joyce are among the 120 KY high school students accepted into the 2021 Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs. They will spend three weeks this summer on the campus of Northern Kentucky University developing business models, designing prototypes, learning emerging technologies, and pitching their startup to a panel of potential investors! Be sure to congratulate them when you see them!! We are very proud of them!

Commonwealth Honors Academy (Murray State University)

Commonwealth Honors Academy Accepted (1)

Kaitlyn Eberhart



Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Junior Kaitlyn Eberhart, who has been accepted into the 2021 Commonwealth Honors Academy. She will spend three exciting weeks this summer living in a living-learning community at Murray State University, experiencing a diverse range of recreational opportunities, cultural and artistic events, while participating in this academic enrichment program with 119 other high school students. Kaitlyn will also return to our campus next fall with 6 college credits! Be sure to congratulate Kaitlyn when you see her! We are very proud of her!



SO CLOSE! ◀

Thank you very much to those of you who have already subscribed to our YouTube channel to help us reach 1000 subscribers! In order to live stream with a mobile device on YouTube, our channel needs to have at least 1000 subscribers. Currently we have 837. We are so close! Once we have 1000 subscribers, we will be able to share Masses, athletics events and more with our NDA community. If you haven't already subscribed, please do so at the link below. If you have already subscribed, please share the link with a friend or family member. **PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to NDA's YouTube channel today.**

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](#).



2021 AUTUMN GALA ◀

Save the date! This year's Autumn Gala is scheduled for October 16, 2021. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Planning Committee for the 2021 Autumn Gala, please contact Nancy Goeke at goeken@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1851.



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COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- Music and Cross-Curricular Summer Workshops & Course Offerings for Immanuel School of Music
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?
- Help Wanted
- Cafeteria Staff Needed

▶ Important dates

April 22	SO Retreat and Ring Ceremony (SO no classes)
April 23	JR Retreat (JR no classes)
April 30	Panda Prowl (no classes today)
	SR Semi-Formal Event at Music Hall
May 2	Band concert in Gym 2-3
May 3	AP Exams begin
	May Crowning
May 9	Mother's Day
May 13	Faculty Send Off
May 14	HR Elections
May 18	Academic Awards
May 19	Senior Luncheon/Senior Send off
May 20	Senior Exams begin
May 24	Exams begins
May 27	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 28	SR Awards at Receptions
	Graduation at NKYCC