



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are more than halfway through the summer! I hope that everyone is getting a chance to relax and recharge. I am happy to report that it has been a more “normal” summer here at NDA!

I am sure many of you have questions about how the upcoming school year will look at NDA and I assure you that we are doing our best to make the 2021-22 academic year as “normal” as possible. We have a great deal in place for the fall however, we are waiting on recommendations from the Kentucky Department of Education and the CDC before we finalize our plans. We will communicate all information regarding the upcoming school year at our Parent Nights in August. As you will see on the schedule below, Freshman Parent Night will be held on Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Sophomore | Junior | Senior Parent Night will be held on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

We have chosen our Common Reader for the 2021-22 school year. This year’s book is *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. I think everyone in our community will enjoy reading this year’s Common Reader. I look forward to our Common Reader Day of discussion around the themes of this book in the fall. Students can find a link for summer reading requirements below.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life

2021-22

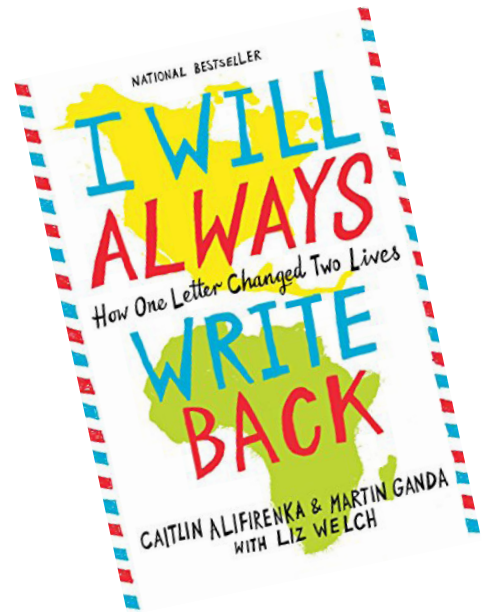
COMMON READER

Over the summer, NDA's faculty, staff and students will read our annual Common Reader. This year's book is *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda.

This is the true story of an all-American girl and a boy from Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. He was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.

We look forward to celebrating this book and its many themes in the fall on our Common Reader Day on September 8.

In addition to the Common Reader information, you can find summer reading assignment information below.



GET STARTED NOW

SUMMER READING

We have partnered with the local bookstore the Blue Marble to make acquiring summer reading books easier for our students. [CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Summer Reading information.

CLASS OF 2025

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

August 10, 2021 | 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to meeting you at Freshman Orientation on Tuesday, August 10 where you will have the opportunity to connect with classmates, meet NDA's student leaders, walk through your schedules and meet your teachers. Most importantly, you will learn more about Notre Dame Life and what it means to be a Panda! Orientation will take place from 8:30am-1:30pm. Additional details coming soon!

Here are a few important notes about the day:

- Check-in at Alumnae Hall
- Bring Your iPad
- Dress Casually and Comfortably
- A snack will be provided!

TIPS AND TRICKS

NEW WEBSITE INFORMATION

If you haven't taken the time to check out NDA's [new website](#), you may want to familiarize yourself with it before the 2021-22 school year begins. Here are a few important tips about the new site:

- There is a special section of the new website for current NDA students. You can find navigation to get to that part of the website at the very top of the homepage under **CURRENT STUDENTS**.
- You can find what was previously referred to as "Quicklinks" under **RESOURCES** and these resources are different on the main page and in the CURRENT STUDENT section.
- You can find the NDA calendar under **NEWS AND EVENTS>>EVENTS**
- There is now a **SEARCH** bar at the top of the homepage which will allow you to search for anything else you need to find.



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

NDA UNIFORMS

Get ready for the next school year and looking to purchase new uniform pieces? Visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase OR [HERE](#) to purchase a few select uniform options from our Bambootique.

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events



2021-22

CALENDAR

[CLICK HERE](#) to access NDA's Google calendar which is accessible through the school's website under **Events**.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP HOBY SEMINAR

Seven students from NDA attended the 2021 Kentucky HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar this summer. They experienced transformative leadership development training in order to become more effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. This training took place on the campus of Berea College from June 17-21, 2021 and included students from all over Kentucky! Congratulations to Lizzie Chun, Lindsey Carothers, Hailey Fullenkamp, Kendall Hemsath, Maddie Thomas, Grace Autry and Megan Chun.



PANDAS HIT THE SLOPES NDA COLORADO SKI TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's first Ski Trip to Colorado! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot because as of today, there are only 9 spots left! Registration will be open until August 27 (or until all spots are filled, then a waitlist will be created). Here are some important details about the trip:

- Destination: Winter Park, CO
- Dates: January 13-17, 2022 (Friday classes will be missed but an excused absence)
- We will have 3 full days of skiing!
- Sign up by August 27
- Cost is \$1,500.00 (subject to change based on availability and number of participants) and includes flights, lodging, lift tickets and ski rentals, bus transports between airport and ski resort, travel insurance (required), and taxes.
- Chaperoned by Ms. Dooling, Mrs. Grayson and Mrs. Otto
- More details to come in September!

**NDA's 1st Ski Club Trip
WINTER PARK, CO**

January 13-17 2022 (excused absence)

Sign up by August 27th

Full cost is \$1,500 (subject to change) with \$100 deposit

Have lots of fun skiing and making new friends!

Chaperoned by Ms. Dooling, Mrs. Grayson, and Mrs. Otto

Come ski with me!

NDA 2021 SUMMER

GOLF OUTING

The 23rd annual NDA Golf Outing will be held at Summit Hills Country Club on Monday, July 26, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start and it is filling up fast! Secure your spots and register your foursome [HERE](#).

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the outing. Our Athlete/Coach/Fan Cutouts are a big hit . . . get yours for \$150 by filling out the sponsorship form [HERE](#).

While you are at it, get a few ball drop tickets to secure your chance to win \$1000! Tickets can also be purchased in the athletic office.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

LIFE SIZE CUTOUTS

This life size cutout of your student athlete is a great way to honor our Panda athletes!
Use it at Senior nights, graduation parties and more!



Order by May 13th and you can get your cutout by May 28th for any summer graduation parties!

LIFE SIZE

PANDA CUTOUTS

Get a life size cutout of your student for \$150 NDA golf outing sponsorship. It's a great way to honor your Panda athletes!

To order your cutout today, head to [NDA's website](#) and download the sponsorship form at the bottom of the page. Fill it out and send it in to the front office. Someone will reach out to get the picture for the cutout!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference

PARENT INFORMATION: COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ADOLESCENTS

Our students and parents have many questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, now available for people 12 years old and older. We realize that choosing to vaccinate or not is a very personal decision that is best met with careful consideration and education. To support our families as they make this important decision, NDA recently brought together a team of NDA alumnae in the medical field to educate our community about the COVID-19 vaccine at a Parent Information Session.

You can find vaccination information from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information | Vaccines: What You Need to Know](#)

According to our physician's panel, many pediatrician offices are, or will soon be offering the COVID-19 vaccine in their offices for eligible patients. Local pharmacies are offering it as well. If you are vaccinated at a pharmacy, please send your vaccination information to your primary care physician.

You can find more information regarding vaccinating children 12+ [HERE](#).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT NDA FACILITIES MANAGER

NDA is searching for a full-time, hands-on Facilities Manager. This position is responsible for the daily facility needs, operations and maintenance of the school and grounds. Duties include managing and performing general maintenance requests, providing supervision and training for employees within the operational area, event setups, scheduling and oversight of contractors, ensuring a safe environment and compliance with building codes and inspections, and serving as a member of the Facilities Committee. The ideal candidate will have prior experience with HVAC systems, fire panels and electrical equipment. Normal hours are from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move equipment and supplies up to 50lbs. A valid driver's license, background check and Virtus training is required.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

NDA is searching for a flexible part-time custodian to assist with facility cleaning, trash removal, event setups, and other routine housekeeping and maintenance tasks. Normal hours are from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with possible additional hours based on weekly work demand.

This position requires the physical ability to walk and stand for long periods of time, as well as, the ability to lift and move equipment and supplies up to 50lbs. Custodial experience is preferred. A high school diploma or GED equivalent, background check, valid driver's license and Virtus training is required.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to ndahr@ndapandas.org.



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.

Please consider becoming a Notre Dame Academy Gala Event Sponsor. Cash donations to the Autumn Gala make a tremendous impact on the overall success of our vital fundraising event. Please see the [following link](#) for sponsorship levels.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



OPPORTUNITY FOR NDA STUDENTS

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Please check out the following opportunity, as it may be a helpful experience for some students.

The basic details are as follows: it is a small group experience with other teenage girls where you are able to discuss topics relevant to your life in a safe environment. Additionally, there is an opportunity to exercise with the group should you desire.

See the graphics below for additional information and contact Michaela Terry (NDA Alum) at mterry@pinpointbhs.com or 859-412-5651 to sign up or ask further questions.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Lets talk about the hard stuff

A mentoring/coaching group for teenage girls from the ages 14-18. This is a group where girls can talk in a safe and comfortable place. At the end of each session there will be a voluntary 30 minute workout.

Cost \$15 per session.

Topics to be discussed:
Anxiety, Depression, Teen Suicide, Body Image, Healthy Habits, Performance Pressures, Nutrition and Fitness, Family Dynamics, Peer Pressure, Social Media, Conflict Resolution, and Leadership

THE GIRLS CLUB

EMPOWERING OUR DAUGHTERS

1400 Gloria Terrell Dr. Suit G Wilder KY, 41076

Groups Start June 17th from 4pm -5:30.
Group will run every Thursday until August 12th
\$15 per session

Contact Michaela Terry at mterry@pinpointbhs.com or 859-412-5651 to sign up or to ask questions



ENJOY THE SUMMER WITH MENTAL WELLNESS APPS

Social: [Teleparty](#)

Emotional: [Happify](#)
[Headspace](#)
[Superbetter](#)

Intellectual: [CheckingIn](#)
[Daylio: Self-Care & Goals](#)

Physical: [Sleep Tracker: Sounds, Stories & Alarm Clock](#)
[Relax Melodies: Sleep Sounds](#)

Spiritual: [Gratitude Happiness Journal](#)
[Think Up: Positive Affirmations](#)
[Smiling Mind](#)
[Hallow](#)



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

Recommended Parent Reading for Summer!

Under Pressure by Lisa Damour (2019)
Confronting the epidemic of stress and anxiety in girls.



COMMUNITY



NEWS

SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- St. Joseph Heights Work Study Positions available for Students
- Pro-Life Event for Teens
- Friday night Pound and Unplugged
- Youth Day Rosary and Mass
- Music and Cross-Curricular Summer Workshops & Course Offerings for Immanuel School of Music
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

July 14	Peer Minister Meeting
July 20	Freshman Parent Meet and Greet 7-8:30 p.m.
July 26	Bridge Program Begins
July 26	NDA Golf Outing
July 27	Student Council Planning Meeting
August 2	Incoming Freshman iPad Sessions Begin
August 9	Diocesan Mass/Faculty In-service
August 10	Freshman Orientation
August 10	Freshman Parent Night
August 11	Sophomore Junior Senior Parent Night
August 12	In-service Day
August 13	In-service Day
August 17	First Day of School!
August 27	Opening School Mass
September 3	Picture Day
September 6	No School - Labor Day
September 8	Common Reader Day
	Parent Mini-Night