



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

I hope you had the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather today. Our students have been taking full advantage of the sunshine and the chance to eat lunch outdoors these last couple of weeks.

It is still fairly early in the quarter however, I ask that you take time to check in with your daughter about her progress so far this year. It is not too early to talk with her about how her classes are going and where she is finding particular challenges and successes. Please encourage your daughter to take ownership of her work and fully engage in her school work by asking questions and participating in class. Learning to take ownership academic career is an important part of a Notre Dame Academy education.

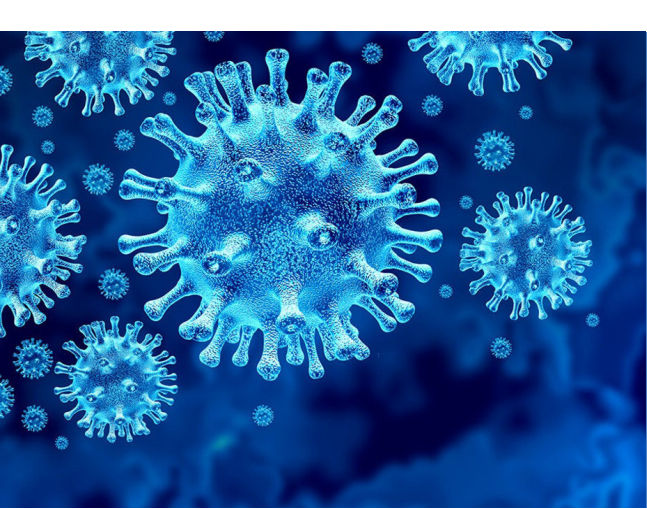
We are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our region and within our own school community as positivity rates and hospitalization numbers continue to rise at an alarming rate. As you have probably seen in the news, many schools in our region and across the country are experiencing high incidences of COVID-19 within their school community. Unfortunately, some schools have had to quarantine large groups of students or temporarily shift to remote learning. I am happy to report that we have no new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. I would like to thank our students, faculty and staff for continuing to follow mitigation strategies, including wearing masks within our school building, to keep our community safe and healthy. It's so important that our students continue to experience in-person learning.

As you will see below, there is quite a bit going on at NDA in the coming days and that gives us hope for a continued return to normalcy. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, September 1, we have had 0 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have 1 additional member of our community who is currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19.

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

COVID-19 SCHOOL QUESTIONS

The following procedures were provided by the Diocese of Covington and can be found in NDA's Pandas Return to Campus Plan - Appendix B, Infection Procedures:

Q1. What are the symptoms of COVID-19? The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified a wide-range of symptoms that can be mild to severe and symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with the following symptoms may have COVID-19: fever (above 100.4°F), chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea and a new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing. Go to the following CDC link to check your symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

Q2. What should a parent do if a child has illness symptoms? If your child shows illness symptoms that could be COVID-19, you should contact your doctor. Your doctor may ask that your child participate in a COVID-19 test. You must alert your school's main office and do not send your child to school. If the symptoms occur during the school day, your child will be sent to the office and you will be contacted to pick your child up from school. Your child may return to school when he/she has been symptom and fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication or your child's doctor has provided an alternative diagnosis.

Q3. What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19? You must contact your child's school immediately to report the positive case. You will need to provide details to the school principal to assist with contact tracing. This may include, but not be limited to: the date symptoms began, close contacts your child had with others, siblings (their school/grade levels), other activities, etc. This information will be used to determine if there were any close contacts in the school community. You should work with your child's primary care physician for treatment. Your child may not return to school for 10 days from the date symptoms began or the date of the positive test (if asymptomatic).

Q4. Will the school communicate positive student cases? Yes. Schools will continue to inform parents when their child is deemed a close contact to a positive case, if there is a positive case in a classroom, and will also keep the entire school community informed of case activity



PARENT RESOURCE

COVID-19 INFORMATION

There are many important resources for parents and students on NDA's COVID-19 Information page on the website [HERE](#).

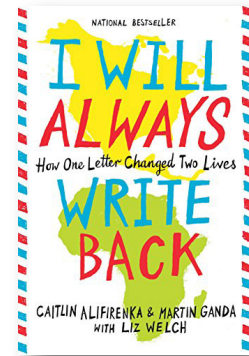
- Pandas Return to Campus Plan
- Information from the Nurse's Office
- Daily Personal Assessment questions
- COVID-19 Vaccine information
- Diocesan communications

Student Life

ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

COMMON READER DAY

Common Reader Day takes place next Wednesday, and the schedule will be adjusted with no classes on this day. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and we will dismiss early around 2:15 p.m. Please plan accordingly.



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

HAWAIIAN MIXER

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, will be rescheduled for Friday, September 10 from 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on the Soccer Field. Students must arrive by 8:30 p.m. and are allowed to leave no earlier than 9:45 p.m. Some of the proceeds will go to earthquake relief in Haiti. All students are welcome to attend!



VIRTUAL

PARENT MINI-NIGHT

A reminder of Virtual Parent Mini-Night that will be shared in next week's Panda Press Weekly. Information will be available to view at anytime.



2021-22

CLUB ORIENTATION

Club Orientation is next Friday, September 10, and a highlight of the year! During this time, all Pandas 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.



SMILE!

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day takes place this Friday and order forms were passed out this past Tuesday. Students should bring the completed order forms with them on Friday if they plan to order pictures. Seniors do not order pictures this year but will take pictures for transcript purposes.



PANDA PRIDE

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Grandparent's day is September 12 and NDA's Bambootique will be celebrating with a 10% discount off of GrandPanda items. You can shop online [HERE](#).



CAMPUS MINISTRY

MORNING MASS

This week we will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 7:20 a.m. on Monday (Aug. 30), Tuesday (Aug. 31), Thursday (Sept. 2) and Friday (Sept. 3). All are welcome to join us!



HUNGRY?

ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK

Students, please don't forget to fill out the daily lunch form. This form serves as a head count for our cafeteria staff. 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.

RELIGION DEPARTMENT NEWS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This week in the Junior Catholic Social Teaching class we focused on persons with disabilities. We had several speakers who shared their stories and experiences with our juniors. Mr. Chris Goddard shared his story of persevering after his accident and finding ways to continue living a full and eventful life. Ms. Lisha Smith '08, the Director of Adult Day at Redwood shared with our students the ministry of Redwood as well as her journey to this vocation that began at NDA when she was a junior.



UNIFORM SKIRTS

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes a traditional dress code. As stated on page 22 of the NDA Student/Parent Handbook,

By choosing to be a student at Notre Dame Academy, this code becomes the student's responsibility, and it is her responsibility to know the spirit of NDA's dress code and to be in compliance with that dress code while on school property. The cleanliness, length and neatness of the uniform skirt and uniform top reflect this pride.

An important part of the school uniform at Notre Dame Academy is the gray uniform skirt. When wearing the gray skirt, students are representing NDA. Therefore, as stated in the NDA Student/Parent Handbook:

The skirt must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes...It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee.

Students, PLEASE check the length of your uniform skirt and make sure that it is at least below your fingertips when your arms are fully extended.

Failure to comply with the uniform regulations will result in a uniform warning. Three uniform warnings will result in a detention. Students who continue to violate the uniform policy will face additional disciplinary action.



Now is your chance!

The Autumn Gala's **Panda Payout** split the pot raffle tickets are on sale **NOW!**

Have you purchased your Panda Payot tickets yet? If not, do so today!

Tickets can be purchased online or through school for \$20 each. **1st Place winner** receives 40% of the winnings and **2nd Place winner** receives 5%. All other winnings go towards NDA Student Needs!

What an easy way to make a BIG difference! Don't miss your "chance"!

[Click Here](#) to Purchase Tickets

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

VOTE!
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ATTENTION PANDA FANS!

VOTE FOR OUR PANDAS!

Girls soccer is up for Girls Fall Team of the Week!

Clare Hooper is up for golfer of the week!

Kennedy Clark is up for soccer player of the week!

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/player-of-the-week/2021/08/31/vote-cincinnati-enquirer-prep-athletes-week-aug-30/5650586001/>



GOOD NEWS!

BOWLING

Bowling is back at NDA! Come find out more or just come to bowl with friends at one of the NDA open bowls. These are free for NDA students so come on out and see what it's all about. (Bowling season starts in October and runs through the winter with a couple practices each week.)

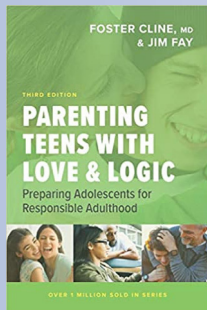
COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



VALUABLE SUPPORT

ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS

For three weeks last summer, 120 high school students from across the state attended the **Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs** (GSE) on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. Teams of high school students developed business models, designed prototypes, and pitched their startup ideas to a panel of entrepreneur judges and an audience of 300 at Demo Day. Panda **Bella Marita** (on right) was part of the team that won First Place and \$1000 to develop BranchOut, the app they created to connect high school students with educational and career opportunities in Kentucky.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#). Here is a new item in our Parent Toolbox: Parenting Teens with Love and Logic

Designed to help you and your child grow during the challenges of the teenage years, this book addresses a wide range of real-life issues: Addiction, Social media and screen time, Peer pressure, Sex and dating, Divorce and visitation, Anger and aggression, Paying for college

MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY

DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

Adolescents are more susceptible than adults to becoming addicted. Those who initiate smoking or drug use before age 15 - are 5 times more likely to develop addictions to substances than those who wait until after age 21.

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 so 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 29.

Join before September 29 to receive Early Bird Rewards!



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

These are College Visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



September

Tuesday, September 7 - Hanover College
Kelsey Johnson, Admissions Rep
johnsonke@hanover.edu

Monday, September 13, University of Alabama Huntsville
Allie Eason,
ame0017@uah.edu

Wednesday, September 15, University of Tampa
Faith Sanders
fsanders@ut.edu

Tuesday, September 21, University of Louisville
Whitney Burress
whitney.burress@louisville.edu

Monday, September 27, Ohio Northern University
Wada Rhoades
a-rhoades@onu.edu



2021

AUTUMN GALA

Save the date! This year's Autumn Gala is scheduled for October 16, 2021!

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.

Now is your "chance"!

Panda Payout split the pot raffle tickets are on sale **NOW!**

Please support NDA Student Tuition Assistance and Identified Education Needs by purchasing your tickets **TODAY!**

Anyone can purchase these tickets...you, alums, parents, friends, family, neighbors...the list goes on!

Tickets can be purchased online or through school for \$20 each. 1st Place winner receives 40% of the winnings and 2nd Place winner receives 5%. All other winnings go towards NDA Student Needs!

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A big thanks to all of the alumnae who have already purchased tickets. The participating members of the class year with the most participation win a gift card! Call all of your classmates and tell them to buy tickets TODAY!

Click [Here](#) to Purchase Tickets



Visit [Boone Ready Mix](#)

Family owned and operated since 1975, BRM has grown from a fleet size of three ready-mix trucks to a modern, diversified fleet of concrete and material placement vehicles. In an ongoing effort to maintain the service that our industry demands, we are continually replacing aging equipment with more modern and efficient vehicles.

Within our current fleet, we have the ability to provide builders with a wide variety of services:

- Front discharge mixers for safer, easier concrete placement
- Tri-axle dump trucks for sand and gravel hauling
- Material conveying systems for more precise and cost effective concrete and gravel placement
- Automated batching system to insure proper mix designs and exact quantities

Our customers range from the individual home owner to home builders and commercial developers. We are counted on to provide quality concrete for a broad range of building applications, from the hot tub pad to the foundation of an office building.

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
- Seeking Lower Tuition Payments?

Important dates

September 2	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
September 3	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. Picture Day
September 6	No School - Labor Day
September 8	Common Reader Day
September 10	Club Orientation Hawaiian Mixer
September 24	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball vs. St. Henry
September 29	Super Day FR/SO Cert, JR ACT test, SR college planning