



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Our students and faculty have returned from the Labor Day break re-energized and ready to continue *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy!* I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and are feeling refreshed as well.

Our mission at Notre Dame Academy clearly states our goal...

“Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic high school dedicated to Mary and committed to academic excellence, exists to educate young women to make a difference in the world.”

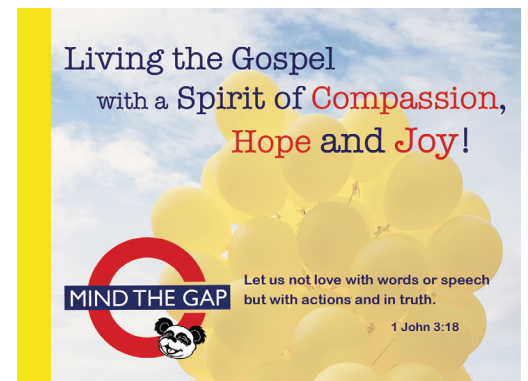
In line with our mission, we strive to provide our students with an exemplary education. We see the fruits of our labor in many ways at NDA. We see it throughout the school year as so many of our students receive awards and accolades for their hard work. We see it as our seniors are accepted into distinguished programs and notable colleges, many of them receiving half tuition or more in scholarships. Our NDA community continues to live our mission. I am privileged to witness this throughout our campus each and every day. I see it in the classrooms, on the field and in the cafeteria. Today I saw it as our community came together for Common Reader Day. Every day at NDA I see your daughters thriving as they learn the true value of an NDA education which inspires them to share their God-given gifts. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work and for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy.

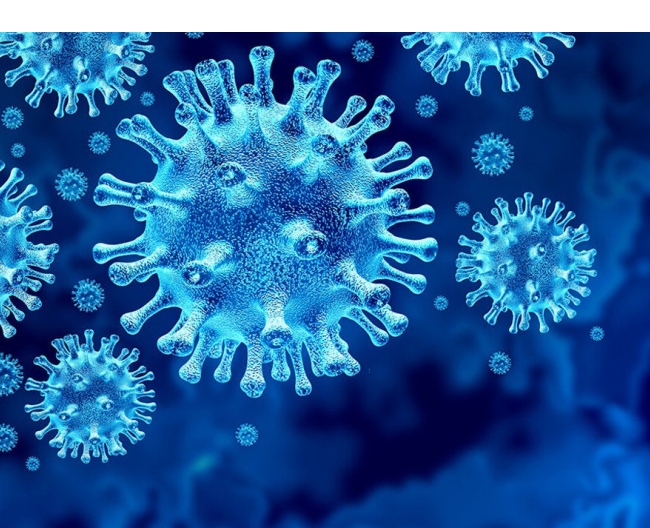
In that spirit of partnership, I invite you to join me in support of our annual fundraiser, the Autumn Gala. This year we will gather for this important event on October 16 at Summit Hills Country Club. I hope you can join us in celebration and support of our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Thanks to Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel for selling First Choice Tickets for the Gala. We certainly appreciate their continued support of our mission and I'm sure they would appreciate your support in purchasing a First Choice ticket from them. You can contact them to purchase First Choice tickets at 859.292.7736.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the mission of Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, September 8, we have had 3 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have 7 additional members of our community who are currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19 or who are awaiting test results.

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

DIOCESAN COVID-19 UPDATE

On Friday, September 3, you should have received a letter from Mr. VonHandorf via email informing you of a change in the Diocesan masking plans. With the holiday weekend, all schools in the Diocese are requiring masking starting yesterday, Tuesday, September 7. This is an extra precaution to help maintain in-person instruction for students.

Along with Mr. VonHandorf's letter, you received two attachments: a letter from Kendra McGuire, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Covington and an updated Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements for the 2021-22 School Year with updated protocols. Just a reminder - you can find all of NDA's COVID-19 information including our *Pandas Return to Campus Plan* as well as all of the COVID-19 communications from the Diocese of Covington on our COVID-19 Information page of the website [HERE](#).

As stated in the letter from Mr. VonHandorf last week, Notre Dame Academy already has a mask requirement in place. That requirement will remain in place until further notice. We will continue to review case data information daily and reevaluate our policies and protocols weekly.

Please continue to communicate with me or our school office with 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 me at 859.292.1843 or sizemoret@ndapandas.org.

I truly appreciate your continued cooperation as we respond to the constantly changing situations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. As always, our goal at NDA is to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff while continuing to meet our responsibility to educate our students and provide them with in-person instruction.

Tina Sizemore, RN.
NDA School Nurse



PARENT RESOURCE

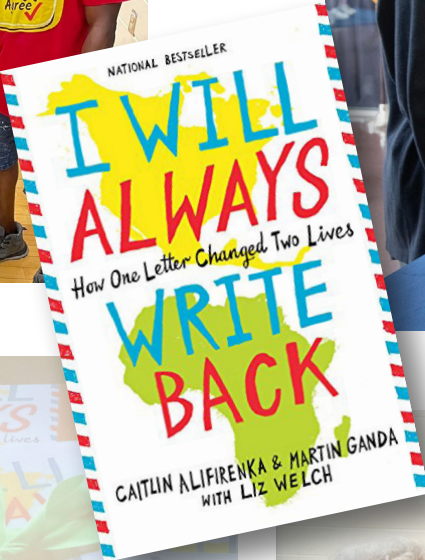
COVID-19 INFORMATION

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

ANNUAL CELEBRATION COMMON READER DAY

Today NDA welcomed Caitlin Alifirenka, the author of our common reader to join in our Common Reader celebration! Students, faculty and staff spent time this special day focusing on this year's book, "I Will Always Write Back" by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. After hearing the author speak this morning, they engaged in discussion about the book as well as learned about African culture this afternoon.



Student Life

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS HAWAIIAN MIXER

The first Mixer, hosted by Student Council, has been 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!

RESCHEDULE!

Hawaiian Mixer !!

Friday, Sept. 10th 8-10 P.M.
on the soccer field

\$5 per ticket
funds go to help
earthquake victims in Haiti

For ALL grades!!

Invite anyone,
from any school!

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.



VIRTUAL PARENT MINI-NIGHT

[CLICK HERE](#) to meet NDA's gifted and dedicated faculty who have the pleasure of working with your daughters each day. If your daughter is interested in Torch Prep ACT Bootcamp, take a peek at the video



CAMPUS MINISTRY MORNING MASS

This week we will celebrate Mass in our beautiful *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel at 7:20 a.m. again on Thursday and Friday. All are welcome to join us!



HUNGRY?

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.



PANDA PRIDE SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Who loves new Panda spirit wear? You can find something for all of the Pandas in your life at NDA's Bambootique! Shop online [HERE](#).



MORE ABOUT COMMON READER DAY

In one of the activities our students did for the Common Reader Day, we asked them to participate with Pen-PalSchools.com where they communicated with students from around the world about the same theme: if they could go to any school in the world for a year, where would they go? Here are just some of the interactions our students had with students from Sweden, Egypt, and South Korea to name a few!

adnan k
Kronobergs län, Sweden
2 days ago

view question ▾

in netherlands because there is actually a school that u can rest and share ur proccet and look at ur phone anytime and u can leave school early and its i think bewst system school ever ad i search to make sure i dont know if its actually real if its not then in finland or spanish bc they are cool

Grace V
KY, United States
2 hours ago

I don't think thats true because in the US we are never allowed to have our phone out. But Amsterdam is such an amazing [country](#). You will love it.

Claire C
KY, United States
2 hours ago

The Netherlands seems like a very cool place! My friends used to live there.

Carys M
KY, United States
2 hours ago

I would love too see the netherlands too! Great answer.

Miso P
Daegu, South Korea
3 months ago

view question ▾

Hi everyone,
In our English class, we have been learning about schools in different countries.

I want to go to school in "Russia" because I am interested in ballet and I want to study ballet!! -과목- there.

Sophie S
OH, United States
a month ago

Russia would be fun place to visit, but did you know that Paris, France is known as the best country for ballet?

Meredith Z
OH, United States
a month ago

Your response reminds me of a time when I did ballet. I ended up quitting though because I moved forward in another sport. I love how you included that you want to study ballet and how Russia is a great place to do that!

Sophie M
KY, United States
36 minutes ago

I love your profile picture! My bias in bts is Taehyung!

Mohammed E
Cairo Governorate, Egypt
3 months ago

view question ▾

I hope I go to school in another country because I love changing, and if I could go to school in a different country I will go to the United States. because I love the system they use to teach students.

Hania A
Cairo Governorate, Egypt
3 months ago

good idea mohamed, you are trying to motivate yourself and you try to make yourself love to learn.

Shahd Y
Cairo Governorate, Egypt
3 months ago

It is nice to discover new places with new systems. I wish you could travel there.

Mohamed A
Cairo Governorate, Egypt
3 months ago

i agreed with you mohamed in the US they have one of the best education system in the world.

Isabelle M
KY, United States
11 minutes ago

I live in the US and I cannot wait to go to college over here!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



TAKE AIM!

ARCHERY

Attention Pandas! Do you want to be part of one of the most popular team events in Kentucky? No prior experience is necessary and we provide all equipment. Our season begins mid October and ends the second week of March. We practice in the gym from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and almost all tournaments are on Saturday and are local. If interested you can sign up in Final Forms. If you have questions please see Coach Lonneman or email him at lonnemanj@ndapandas.org.

ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!



STRIKE!

BOWLING

NDA Bowling Starts in October! Grab a friend and come on out to have fun and join the team. First few practices are

- Tuesday, October 5
- Wednesday, 6
- Tuesday, 12
- Wednesday, 13
- Tuesday, 19
- Wednesday, 20
- Tuesday, 26
- Wednesday, 27

from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at Florence Bowl. Reach out to Coach Hampton at hamptond@ndapandas.org with any questions!

Light Up
NDA!

DON'T MISS

LIGHT UP NDA!

Join us for **Light Up NDA** on September 20 at 7:30 p.m. as we reveal the our spectacular new colored lights on the field, exciting soccer games at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., food trucks, intro of fall teams, band and dance panda performances and a night of Panda spirit! More details will follow in next week's Panda Press Weekly!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY

DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

Parents and Guardians: Drug Free Club at Notre Dame Academy has most students currently signed up, but many have not yet signed up. What is keeping you from signing up your daughter for Drug Free Club at NDA? To refute some possible reasons:

1. My daughter does/will not use drugs, so I don't want to pay for this.

*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 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 active 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 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.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).

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

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



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AUTUMN GALA

Autumn Gala Registration is Now Open!

The Autumn Gala will be held on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** at Summit Hills Country Club. The evening consists of an elegant sit-down dinner, hors d'oeuvres, open bar and an incredible array of live and silent auction items. The evening also features several raffles and specialty games. Invitations are being mailed in early September, but it is not too late to mark your calendars!

If you are interested in helping with the Gala, or know anyone who would like to get involved, please contact Nancy Goeke, Director of Major Gifts and Events, at 859.292.1851, goeken@ndapandas.org or Taffy Hebbeler at taffheb@fuse.net

[Click here](#) to Register, Purchase Game Tickets, Buy It Now, Become a Sponsor, and more!



Now is your chance!

The Autumn Gala's **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... 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!

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

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! Be sure to check out our social media posts to stay up to date with class competitions and more! Winners will be chosen on October 16!

[Click Here](#) to Purchase Tickets



Central Bank

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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

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 8	Common Reader Day
September 10	Club Orientation
	Hawaiian Mixer
September 17	Diocesan Senior Mass
September 24	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball vs. St. Henry
September 29	Super Day FR/SO Cert, JR ACT test, SR college planning
October 3	Golden Girls Alumnae Event
October 8	No School - Professional Development Day for Faculty
October 8-10	The Summit 2021 at NDA
October 16	The Autumn Gala!