



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

This is Notre Dame Academy's 116th year and as always, we continue to educate our students in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As you know, this year we are focusing on the third Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness. In doing so, we are concentrating our efforts on *Living the Gospel with a Spirit of Compassion, Hope and Joy*. As I told you last week, our students are doing a great job living our mission and carrying out our theme this school year.

In the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Academy is committed to working with any family whose daughter could benefit from a Notre Dame Academy education. For over a century, NDA has provided a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community at an affordable price. As much as we strive to keep tuition and expenses to a minimum without sacrificing quality education, it is still difficult for some of our families to afford a Catholic education, especially in these challenging economic times. We are blessed with a wonderful Work Study Program and many generous benefactors who provide essential student tuition assistance through academic and need based scholarships at NDA. We thank them for making a difference in the lives of our students through their generous support of Catholic education at NDA.


Notre Dame Academy ranks as the largest private high school in the Diocese of Covington and the 12th largest private school offering grades 9-12 in the Greater Cincinnati area. We are blessed with a strong enrollment but we still must do our best to advance the mission of NDA by expanding our recruitment efforts. As a NDA parent, you clearly see the benefit of an NDA education. If you know of a young woman who you think could benefit from an NDA education, whether she is in your extended family, neighborhood, parish or your daughter's elementary school, we ask that you pass her name on to our Director of Admissions, Katie Caccavari ([caccavarik@ndapandas.org](mailto:caccavarik@ndapandas.org)).

Thank you for the sacrifices you make to send your daughter to Notre Dame Academy. It is a privilege to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. We are grateful for your trust in Notre Dame Academy to provide your daughter with a premiere Catholic education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

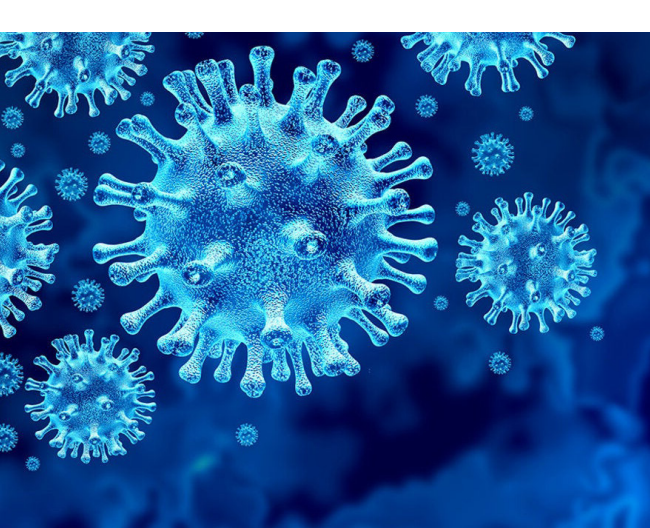
In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Notre Dame Academy  
is built on the  
Four Educational Principles  
of the Sisters of Notre Dame:



- The centrality of a good and provident God
- The human dignity of each person as an image of God
- The Notre Dame educator as a Gospel witness
- An integrated education for transformation



## WEEKLY UPDATE

### COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, September 15, we have had 4 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have 3 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](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

### DID YOU DO YOUR DAILY PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TODAY?

It is really important that everyone in our NDA community - students, faculty, staff and volunteers - complete a daily personal health assessment and temperature check before leaving for school each day. It's just 6 quick questions...

#### Daily Personal Assessment

1. Has the student been tested and tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
2. Does the student have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, as measured by a reliable and accurate home thermometer?
3. Does the student have any COVID-19 related symptoms, including persistent non-allergy related cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain not attributable to recent activity, sore throat, new rash, GI symptoms (i.e., vomiting or diarrhea), or loss of taste or smell?
4. Has anyone in the student's household been diagnosed with, or showing symptoms of COVID-19?
5. Has anyone in the student's household been in recent close contact (i.e. past 48 hours) with anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 who has tested positive, not been tested, or is waiting for test results?
6. Has the student traveled outside the country or to any high-risk locations in the last 14 days or been in close contact with someone who has traveled to high-risk locations in the past 14 days?

If the answer is "yes" to any of the questions above, the student is not permitted to attend school or any school-related activity, and the student's parents or guardian must contact the school office. Also, 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](mailto:sizemoret@ndapandas.org).

We appreciate your continued cooperation!

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

Join us for a spectacular night  
of Panda spirit as we celebrate  
our varsity fall athletes!



light up  
NDA!

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

Don't miss this exciting night under the new lights at NDA!

It's going to be an evening filled with fun, food and fall sports including performances by Notre Dame Academy's Band, Dance Pandas and Pandatones not to mention NDA's #1 ranked Soccer Pandas!

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY vs. NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

**JV: 6:00 p.m. | VARSITY 8:00 p.m.**

**Buenger Sports Complex**

Tickets can be purchased online at

[www.https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/fan-zone](https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/fan-zone)

**ADMISSION is FREE to ALL NDA STUDENTS**

# Student Life



GET INVOLVED!

## CLUB ORIENTATION

On Friday we met for our annual Club Orientation where students learn about the various clubs and activities that Notre Dame has to offer. Thank you to all of our club leaders who shared! Students received an online form to indicate interest in clubs they heard about. We are looking forward to a great year of our Pandas pursuing their interests and having fun!



# CLUB ORIENTATION



## STUCO NEWS

# FRESHMAN STUDENT COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION

On Monday during homeroom we will have an information session for any freshmen who are interested in running to be a Student Council Homeroom Representative. Student Council is a great opportunity for students to get involved and help make Notre Dame the best place that it can be!



## SECRETS TO SUCCESS

# DEVELOPING BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

Thank you to Ms. Abby Sommerkamp (Mia's mom) who recently came to NDA to speak seniors in Mr. Goddard's Business Principles class.

A different guest speaker is invited once a week to present their personal and professional story with the students. Typical topics covered by the speaker include the current business or industry in which they work, what they do, their formal education, the role God has played in their life, and what values and characteristics needed to succeed in business and most importantly as a faithful Christian in life. The goal is for students to tie together the principles of business with the various segments of business to enable them to explore areas of potential careers.



After speaking to the class, Ms. Sommerkamp wrote "I enjoy sharing my story with young women in hopes that it encourages them to follow their dreams."

## 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. All are welcome to join us!



## BREAKING NEWS

# CONTACT NDA'S PR PANDA!

If you are involved in a fun NDA event, field trip, class project, etc., share your experience with your Panda sisters through NDA's Public Relations Coordinator, Jayden Otto, at [ottoj@ndapandas.org](mailto:ottoj@ndapandas.org). You may even see your news announced on NDA's instagram page!



## YOUTH RETREAT

# SUMMIT 21

There are only a few weeks left to register for the upcoming Diocesan Youth Retreat: **SUMMIT 21** (formerly known as Youth 2000).

Come and discover more about our Catholic faith... meet Jesus in the Eucharist... feel His healing love... make new friends from around the diocese... enjoy live music — and have fun!

### Fast Facts about Summit 21:

- Open to Catholic youth 13-22
- Runs Friday 6:30–10:30 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.–10 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- \$40 fee includes all snacks and Saturday meals. Financial aid on request.
- Early bird discount! Save \$10 on registrations postmarked by September 24.
- Do not mail registration after Sept. 29; use walk-in registration Friday 5:30 p.m.

For more information and to register visit: [www.CovDio.Org/Summit](http://www.CovDio.Org/Summit)

Registrations need to be mailed in by September 29.



Following the model of World Youth Day, the event includes daily Mass, the rosary, Eucharistic adoration and dynamic catechesis by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and diocesan priests. There will also be live music, lay testimonials as well as great food, snacks and social time. Some new guest speakers are coming this year! Many of our diocesan priests come to concelebrate and hear confessions.

On Saturday, participants can ask questions to a select panel of clergy and laity. The panelists come well prepared to explain Church teaching on matters large and small - especially on tough issues of faith and morals - with clarity, charity and wit.



## 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](#).

ALOHA PANDAS!

## HAWAIIAN MIXER

This past Friday night NDA hosted its annual Hawaiian Mixer out on the soccer field. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all of our attendees!



LEARNING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This week in Catholic Social Teaching we focused on Poverty and persons who are experiencing homelessness. We had the opportunity to hear from Karen Zengel, Executive Director of St. Vincent De Paul of NKY and Kim Webb, Director of the Emergency Shelter of NKY. Both agencies are great resources in our community.



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.



2021

## 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.

#### Early Bird Registration

Now's the time to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration. To receive the discounted rate, purchase your tickets on or before October 1.

#### Sisters' Heavenly Glow Candles

These hand-crafted and "blessed" 7 oz. candles were made exclusively by the Sisters on the 4th floor. They will be a treasure for your home or office and add that special touch of warmth. Buy one or more, but quantities are limited.

#### Panda Payout Raffle- 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... 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"!

#### Buy it Now

Is the Daytona 500 on your Bucket List? This year we are excited to offer this [once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!](#) The experience for 2 includes Reserved seating at the Daytona Race and the Saturday Xfinity Series Race, 3 nights accommodations, transportation to the Speedway, virtual access to interviews with NASCAR Drivers and much much more!

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



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



2021

## PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

This year's Playing for a Purpose volleyball game between our NDA Volleyball Pandas and St. Henry will be held on Friday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Ryle High School.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **Attendees MUST arrive before 6:30 p.m. to enter the game. DOORS WILL CLOSE AT 6:30 P.M.**
- **All attendees will be required to be fully masked at all times and socially distanced.**
- **There will be NO TAILGATING for this event.**

Tickets for this fun annual event will cost \$7 and will go on sale in-person at NDA on **Tuesday, September 21 for STUDENTS ONLY**. Students can only purchase **1 TICKET** on that day. Ticket sales will open up to the general public on Wednesday, September 22 at NDA with a limit of 4 tickets per buyer.

**VOTE!**  
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### ATTENTION PANDA FANS

## PLEASE VOTE

We have a lot of Pandas up for player and team of the week!

Vote for NDA Soccer as Team of the Week  
Vote for Clare Hooper as golfer of the week  
Vote for Ella Simkonis as soccer player of the week  
Vote for Emily Bentley as volleyball player of the week

[VOTE HERE](#)

### 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 [hampton@ndapandas.org](mailto:hampton@ndapandas.org) with any questions!

# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES

### STUDENT CAREER EXPOSURE

#### **Kentucky Area Health Education Centers**

This is a Kentucky state-wide AHEC Health Career initiative delivered via ZOOM. Students meet twice a month from October through May for an hour live presentation given by a health professional working in their chosen field. KY AHEC Health Professions Investigators is open to students from grades 9-12. These professionals from around the state include nursing, clinical lab scientist, optometrist, dental hygienist, and other emerging health professions.

Space is limited to 35 students. All applications will be due on Thursday, September 30th.

Application Link: <https://forms.gle/ejYiPUcrNeqaswaJA>

#### **Navigo Scholars**

NaviGo Scholars is a career exploration program that runs from October 2021 through March 2022. Students apply to the career focus area(s) they want to explore, then sponsor companies select the Scholars. NaviGo Scholars meet twice per month during after school hours – once with a business sponsor and once with a NaviGo Coach.

\*Applications are open until Monday, September 27th.

#### *2021-22 NaviGo Career Focus Areas:*

- Business & Entrepreneurship – Sophomores & Juniors (Seniors considered)
- Dental Careers (Dental Assistant Academy) - Seniors
- Electrical & Gas Line, Engineering, Urban Planning (Duke Energy) – Juniors & Senior
- Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering (Toyota) - Juniors & Seniors
- Cyber Security (U.S. Bank) - Juniors (Seniors considered)
- Construction & Skilled Trades (BIA & Cutter Construction) - Freshmen & Sophomores

Students can learn more about each group and apply here: <https://navigoprep.com/scholars-applicants/>

## ACT PREP

### TORCHPREP BOOTCAMP AT NDA

Torchprep will be hosting its October test prep session at NDA starting on September 23rd. Below is a link if parents/ students are interested in attending this session. Early registration deadline is September 13th. Spots are limited. Click here for registration: [TorchPrep ACT Boot Camp at NDA](#)

Click here for : [Other ACT Prep options](#)



## GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

The [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#) is a great opportunity for students in grades 9-11 to participate in a residential 3 week program on a Kentucky college campus in the summer. GSE is for creative thinkers that may be interested in an entrepreneurial career path. It is a competitive program and requires a unique application process and offers scholarships to Kentucky colleges. GSE will be hosting 6 virtual info sessions. See link below for more info:

[Links to register for 6 virtual info sessions.](#)

At the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE), students are exposed to instructional coaches, mentors, startup tools, the business model canvas, design thinking, funding, pitch competitions, emerging technologies, scholarships, and so much more. An Informational Meeting about the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs will be held after school on Thursday October 14 in Alumnae Hall! Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for 2022 GSE beginning in November!



## GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

For three weeks every summer since 1987, Kentucky's most talented and creative high school students are invited to grow and learn together at the [Governor's School for the Arts](#) summer program. Rising juniors and seniors in high school are offered in-depth instruction in one of nine artistic disciplines:

Architecture  
Visual Art  
Film & Photography

Creative Writing  
Instrumental Music  
Vocal Music

Musical Theater  
Drama  
Dance

GSA Informational Meeting after school on Thursday, October 7 in Alumnae Hall!



## GSP APPLICATION PROCESS

# GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The KY Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) is a free 5-week summer residential program for outstanding high school KY students after their junior year. [GSP 2021-2022 Applications and Forms](#) are now available on the GSP website, under the Applicant's tab, along with [Helpful Hints and Videos](#). A GSP Informational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 30 after school in Alumnae Hall. NDA's 2021 GSP Scholars will be there to share information about their GSP experiences. **NDA's GSP Applications are due November 18.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.



## MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY

# DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

Parents & Guardians:

***Why should we reward our daughter for something we expect of her anyway?***

*Drug Free Club is a form of Positive peer pressure! It helps students resist temptations to make poor choices. Their brains are not fully developed yet, which can make them weak during impulsive moments. This could be the difference between them saying Yes and NO in an unexpected difficult moment.*

## ATTENTION PARENTS

# KIP SURVEY

In October, Notre Dame Academy Sophomores and Seniors will be participating in the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Student Survey which is designed to assess alcohol and drug use among students. A Parent/Guardian Letter, a Fact Sheet, and an opt-out non-consent form will be sent directly to parents via email on Monday. The survey is completely voluntary and anonymous, and will be very helpful for school planning and program development.

Notre Dame Academy is participating in this important project because we believe that young people's use of substances is a serious issue for our communities. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hildreth, our school KIP Survey Coordinator, at [hildrethk@nda-pandas.org](mailto:hildrethk@nda-pandas.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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 21, University of Louisville  
Whitney Burress  
[whitney.burress@louisville.edu](mailto:whitney.burress@louisville.edu)

Monday, September 27, Ohio Northern University  
Wada Rhoades  
[a-rhoades@onu.edu](mailto:a-rhoades@onu.edu)

## 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.**





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shared future that makes a difference in peoples' lives, communities, and our planet.



### 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 16	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
September 17	Diocesan Senior Mass Freshmen Sundaes with Sophomores
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!