



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

As you will see below, this is a busy time of year for us at NDA. I think I speak for everyone in our NDA community when I say that it's good to be back to normal with all of these wonderful happenings around our campus.

This morning we had a special presentation for our students by Dr. Brian Ceccarelli, founder of the ItsTime2. He spoke candidly to our students about mental health awareness, anti-bullying efforts and the alarming rate of teen suicide in our country. His overall message reiterated what we stress at NDA each and every day - BE KIND TO OTHERS. He also presented our students with two important challenges: to think of who the MVP (most valuable person) is in their life and to hit the "reset" button on issues they have had with others in the past. I encourage you to ask your daughter about this morning's presentation and have a discussion with her about those two important challenges.

I was blessed to be able to attend the consecration and installation of Bishop Iffert last Thursday. It was a beautiful ceremony and a great opportunity to meet our new Bishop and hear him speak. One thing in particular that touched me in listening to him was his overwhelming gratitude to God for all of the gifts he has been given throughout his lifetime. As you can see below, it is even stated in his personal coat of arms - IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS. What a wonderful message not only for us as adults but also for our students. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Iffert to NDA sometime in the future.

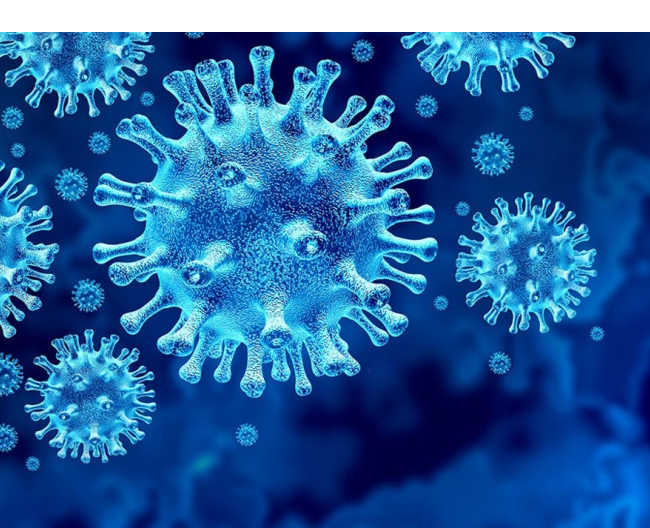
Before closing today, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who had a hand in our Foundation Day Celebration last Friday. It was a wonderful day to celebrate our founders, the Sisters of Notre Dame, and give thanks that for the tradition of excellence in education and service to others they established at Notre Dame Academy.

We are grateful to partner with you in your daughter's Catholic education. I hope you have a great week.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf





WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, October 6, we have had 5 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 NURSES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents,

As you can see above, as of today, we have had 5 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week and we have 1 additional member of our community who is currently in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19. This is the highest number of positive cases we have reported in a week which confirms for us what we see in the news - COVID-19 cases continue to rise with young people. What we would like to point out to you about the information above is that although we have our highest reported number of positive cases in a week, we only have 1 additional member of our community in quarantine due to a reported exposure to COVID-19. This is because those who are close contacts in these cases do not need to quarantine if they have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

We would like to thank everyone in our community who has turned in a COVID-19 vaccination card to the school nurses' office. If your daughter is vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to have turn in a copy of that to us in order that we can have it on file. Having students' COVID-19 vaccination cards on file is a great help in both our contact tracing and in keeping students engaged in in-person learning.

As always, please reach out to us with any COVID-19 related issues involving your family.

Thanks,

Tina Sizemore, RN.
NDA School Nurse

Melanie Martin, 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

2021

AUTUMN GALA

THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT - REGISTER TODAY!

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. You won't want to miss it!

You can take a look at all of the wonderful items available at this year's Autumn Gala in this year's [catalogue](#). Also featured in this catalogue are all of our generous sponsors of this event!

PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED AT THIS YEAR'S AUTUMN GALA

We would like to keep our NDA community safe and healthy in order that our students can stay in school experiencing in-person learning so please wear a mask when you are not eating or drinking at this year's Autumn Gala.

Register Now!

Visit: <https://ndacvg.ejoinme.org/gala2021>

[Click Here](#)

Notre Dame Academy **AUTUMN Gala**

Event Registration, Basket Boutique, First Choice and More!

Prices: \$90 per person until 10/1, \$110 per person after 10/1



Don't Miss Out

ON THESE UNIQUELY HANDCRAFTED CANDLES

'BLESSED' BY THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME THESE CANDLES WILL CERTAINLY BE A SPECIAL ADDITION TO ANY HOME.

CLICK ON THE LINK TO PURCHASE 1 OR MORE...

\$15 EACH
LIMITED QUANTITIES

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.

Check out this [special message](#) from Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel about these adorable Heavenly Glow Candles!

Buy it Now

Is the Daytona 500 on your Bucket List? This year we are excited 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!



BUY IT NOW!

- ONLY 1 AVAILABLE
- ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE FOR 2
- TICKETS TO THE DAYTONA 500
- TICKETS TO THE XFINITY SERIES RACE
- LODGING FOR 3 NIGHTS AT THE DAYTONA HILTON
- PLUS MUCH MORE
- CLICK ON THE LINK TO SEE ALL DETAILS

DON'T MISS OUT

CASH PRIZE
NDA 55%
1ST PLACE 40%
2ND PLACE 5%

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
\$20 EACH

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"!

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

Student Life

Wednesday, October 13

NDA SUPER DAY

Our next NDA Super Day is Wednesday, October 13. Seniors will have an off day, Juniors and Sophomores will take the PSAT and Freshmen will have their retreat.

Freshmen and Sophomores will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. and Juniors will dismiss after the PSAT around 12:30 p.m.



PRE-ORDER BEFORE 10.13.21

FOOD TRUCK DAY

Student Council arranged for several food trucks to be on campus for lunch on Friday, October 22. In addition to the food available for purchase through the cafeteria, the food trucks will have a variety of delicious lunch and dessert options! Students must [pre-order food](#), and all orders are due by Wednesday, October 13.



SIGN UP NEXT WEEK

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, October 26 between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and through the use of Zoom. The goal for such conferences is to provide a window of time for parents, students or teachers to address concerns in order to promote student learning. Sign ups will be sent out next week!



SAY CHEESE

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Friday, October 22.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

MORNING MASS

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



SPIRITUAL LIFE

FRESHMEN RETREAT INFORMATION

All Freshmen will take part in their class retreat on Wednesday, October 13. All Freshmen are required to participate in this retreat. They need to be in the gym by 9:00 a.m. and will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. They need to pack their lunch on that day. They do not need to bring anything else with them for the day. Retreat will take place on NDA's Campus. More information will be shared with the Freshmen later this week/early next week.



PLEASE JOIN US!

ROSARY RALLY FOR LIFE

On Saturday, October 16, there will be a Rosary Rally For Life held in front of St. Joseph Height's at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate. The Rosary Rally lasts about 30 minutes. Those wishing to participate should meet at the foot of Hilton Drive and you will walk to the Height's while praying.



YOUTH RETREAT

SUMMIT 21

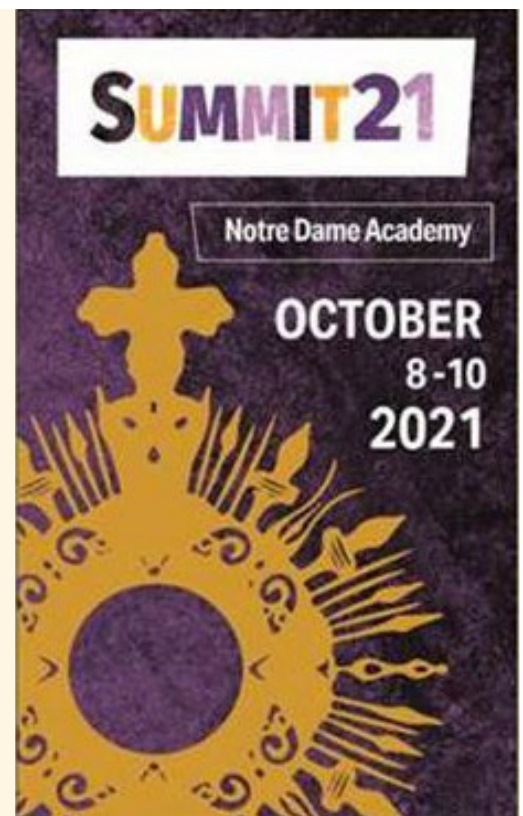
There are only a few days left to register for the upcoming Diocesan Youth Retreat: **SUMMIT 21** (formerly known as Youth 2000).

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.
- **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



SERVING OTHERS

LIVING THE MISSION

The NDA Varsity soccer team donated games, basketballs and footballs, personal dry erase boards, markers, tables, and much more to the Notre Dame Urban Education Center on October 4, 2020. They rallied around this service project and were happy to give back to the community and help the local children in need! Many of the players have volunteered at NDUEC in the past and were happy to visit again.



PANDA PRIDE

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Get ready for the colder weather. All sweatpants are on sale [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

LIFE CLUB

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Life Club is participating in Care Net's Baby Bottle Campaign through the dates of October 4 - 15. The girls in each of their Religion classes are presented with the opportunity to give a monetary donation and fill the baby bottle to help our local NKY families that are in need.

LIFE CLUB

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

IT'S OPEN HOUSE YARD SIGN TIME AT NDA!

NDA's Open House is scheduled for Sunday, November 7 from 1- 3 p.m. You can help us advertise open house by placing a small yard sign in front of your home or business. If you have a very visible location that would accommodate a larger 4ft by 4ft sign, please contact Katie Caccavari, Director of Admissions, and give her the location. Katie must order all signs by October 8.

The large open house signs will go up the week of October 25 and will come down the week of November 8. NDA staff will put them up and take them down. Small yard signs will be available for pick-up at NDA. Questions? Contact Kate, 859-292-1829/caccavarik@ndapandas.org.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

2021

Open House
Experience

November 7, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



YOU'RE INVITED...

PERU - SUMMER 2023

Dear parents and guardians,

Just a reminder that there's only a couple days left until the enrollment deadline for our upcoming trip, Peru: Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca. Find tour details and a link to sign up here: eftours.com/2486791PK. EF's Traveler Support Team is also available by phone at 800-665-5364.

For any families who are still on the fence, I want to highlight a few of the reasons I decided to organize this tour with EF:

- Their payment options help make the tour affordable for more families (and you get a TON for your money)
- They've been doing this for over 50 years, and they have offices and staff all around the world—so they'll be there if we need them
- They're an accredited school, not a travel agent, and they offer ways for students to earn high school and college credit as part of the tour

I know this trip will be an invaluable experience for your child that will have such a positive impact on their personal and academic development. As a teacher, it will be one of the highlights of my year.

Please [enroll your daughter today](#), and contact me with any questions.

Ms. Dooling



HUNGRY?

ORDER LUNCH FOR NEXT WEEK

You can find the lunch order form for next week [HERE](#). 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.



The Annual Fund

Did
You
Know...

- Fills the \$2,420 gap between the actual cost to educate a student and tuition costs
- Provides tuition assistance to any student who needs it
- Supports technology and program upgrades

#SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS ANNUAL FUND KICKOFF

Notre Dame Academy's Development Department is responsible for additional fundraising to support the educational experience we offer at NDA. While tuition covers much of our expenses, as part of our mission to keep tuition affordable for all who wish to attend NDA, we have a persistent gap of \$2,420 per student between what we receive in tuition and the real cost of educating each of our students.

Please support NDA's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world with a gift to this year's Annual Fund. You can donate online [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FUN! FUN! FUN!

LET'S BOWL!

NDA Bowling starts this week and there are still spots to join, The first few practices are Tuesday/Wednesday October 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at Florence Bowl. Reach out to Coach Hampton at hamptond@ndapandas.org if you are interested and with any questions!



PTS

GOLF NEWS

Our Golf Pandas finished the team season as the Region Runner ups and sent four golfers down to State. Hannah Rice, Clare Hooper, Natalie Lovell, and Didi Jiradamkerng are participating in Bowling Green right now!



CONGRATULATIONS

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Volleyball competed in a national tournament in Chicago this past weekend and finished as the runner up. They have senior night on October 12 and head into districts the next week at Beechwood, playing Monday, October 18.



DISTRICT PLAY

SOCCER NEWS

Our soccer pandas are in district play this week, hosting Holmes yesterday and playing in the district finals against Beechwood at Holy Cross Wednesday.



GOOD LUCK

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Cross country was at the Centerville Invitational this past weekend and heads to the Conference meet this Saturday!

A TIME TO CELEBRATE SND FOUNDATION DAY

Last Friday, in honor of SND Foundation Day, our students were encouraged to wear gold or yellow shirts and accessories with their gray skirts to represent the color of a sunflower. At lunch, our Principal/Interim President, Mr. Von-Handorf, gave each member of our NDA community an ice cream sandwich. This simple gesture commemorated the good works of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling. Our entire NDA community took time after lunch to gather for a Foundation Day prayer service followed by our entire student body parading around St. Joseph Heights to wish the Sisters who live there a happy Foundation Day. All in all, it was a beautiful day to celebrate the Sisters of Notre Dame!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE EASY

DRUG FREE CLUBS OF AMERICA

Q - Why haven't you submitted an application for Drug Free Club for your daughter, yet?

A - My daughter does not want to pee in a cup.

Response: *The testing process is conducted very discreetly in a closed bathroom stall, with verbal directions from a trained nurse. Experiencing drug testing is good practice for many future jobs and other opportunities, as more and more businesses have compulsory drug testing.*



"What I love about DFCA is that it keeps me accountable for my actions, so I know to make responsible decisions." - NDA Senior

It is not too late to apply! Applications will be accepted until October 29. Apply online [HERE](#) or submit your one-page paper application and payment to the office. The fee is \$25/year. If freshmen sign up for 3 years (\$75), their senior year is free.



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

ASK LISA PODCAST SERIES

Raising kids can be a bumpy, stressful, and uncertain process. Dr. Lisa Damour, clinical psychologist and best-selling author, offers practical ways to address many challenging parenting issues (Helping Kids Manage Grief and Loss #36; Lying, Sneaking, Cheating #32; Can On-line Socializing go Too Far #18; How Do I Get My Kid to Open Up? #17; many relevant topics) in the [Ask Lisa: Podcast Series](#)

GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

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

The application for GSA 2022 opens up on November 3rd, but virtual info sessions (via Zoom) are available now! The first virtual info session, "GSA 101", will be held this Wednesday, October 6th at 5pm EST, but Important Dates and other Virtual Sessions can be viewed and registered for [HERE](#). After you sign up, a link to access this session will be sent to the email you used to register.

NDA's GSA Informational Meeting: this Thursday Oct. 7 after school in Alumnae Hall!

There are 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](#). **UPDATE: NDA's GSP Applications are due November 18.** Contact Mrs. Hildreth with your questions.



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

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



Visit Dorning Supply Co.

Dorning Supply Company, started in 1977 by Bill Dorning, is a family owned business located in Florence, KY. Dorning Supply offers various products designed to meet the engineering needs of those in the automotive, aerospace, agriculture, and medical industries. Whether you need made to order carbide/PCD specials, drilling products, or high performance milling tools, Dorning Supply will exceed your expectations. The Dorning family, all born and raised in Northern Kentucky, share the belief of giving back to our NKY community.



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

October 7	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.
October 8	NO SCHOOL: Professional Development Day for Faculty
October 8-10	The Summit 2021 at NDA (Formerly Youth 2000)
October 13	SO/JR PSAT, FR retreat, SR Off Day
October 15	FR Homeroom rep elections
October 16	The Autumn Gala
October 18	All School Mass
October 18	FR Homeroom rep election
October 19	Seniors leave for retreat
October 21	Panda Sneak Peek Information Session 6:30 p.m.
October 22	Picture Retake Day
October 22-24	Fall Play
October 26	Admission Virtual Information Session
November 7	Open House