



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

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Last Friday our school community gathered for our annual Remembrance Mass for our deceased alumnae, family and friends. We remembered and honored those we have lost throughout the past year including many alumnae. Several family members of our alumnae joined us at NDA for this special Mass and others joined us virtually. I ask that you please join us in praying for our loved ones who have passed away this year. Please also pray for the St. Henry Elementary School community. Recently a member of their faculty, 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Carrie (Dwyer) Williams, passed away unexpectedly. Carrie's husband, Adam Williams, is also a teacher at St. Henry and they welcomed their first child, Isaac, just a few weeks ago. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

We welcomed many families to NDA on Sunday for our annual Open House. Thanks to all of those who made this event such a tremendous success. It was wonderful to have so many students, parents and faculty here to welcome prospective students and showcase our school. I want to especially thank our student ambassadors who were so gracious and professional in greeting our visitors and giving tours. They are the best example of the value of a Notre Dame Academy education.

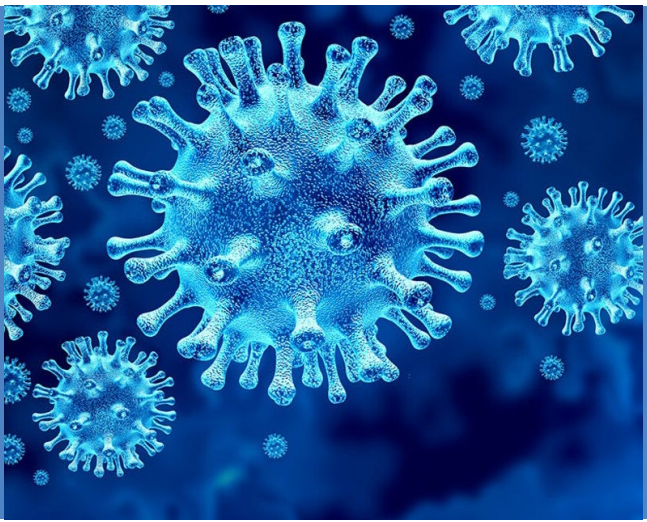
On Friday, November 19, NDA will host the Panda FunFest. This is a fun event and an excellent opportunity for eighth-graders to come and experience Notre Dame Academy and meet other students who are considering enrollment for next fall. If you know of a young lady who would like to join us for this event, please contact Katie Caccavari at 859.292.1829.

By reading the Panda Press each week, you can clearly see that our students are engaged in many areas of our community, from academics, clubs and activities to the arts and athletics. At Notre Dame Academy, we offer many different paths to encourage our students to try on new roles and develop their God-given gifts and talents. We want our students to understand the need for continual growth and seek opportunities in which their faith can flourish, their physical talents can thrive and their academic enthusiasm can evolve. This is not only a way for them to excel and be successful academically but also, and more importantly, this is a way for them to learn the significance of giving glory to God.

As always, thank you for putting your faith in us and allowing us the privilege of educating your daughter!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



WEEKLY UPDATE

COVID-19

As of today, Wednesday, November 10, we have had 2 new reported cases of members of our community testing positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have had 0 additional members of our community who are 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 one of our school nurses, Tina Sizemore, RN., at 859.292.1843 | sizemoret@ndapandas.org or Melanie Martin, RN., at 859.292.1843 | martinmel@ndapandas.org.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSES

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Dear Parents,

As you know, updated COVID-19 protocols went into effect Monday, November 8, in all Diocesan schools. With these new protocols, we continue to monitor the number of positive cases in our building as well as the greater community. As per the [Diocesan COVID-19 Return to School Requirements](#), **we will determine the upcoming week's masking status based on Thursday's data each week. Schools located within a county designated as High Community Transmission (Red Zone) by the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH) on Thursday will require masks for the next 7 days.** <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

As you can see at the link above, today Kenton County is in the Red Zone. If it is in the Red Zone tomorrow when we evaluate the data, we will resume the mask requirement at NDA on Friday of this week and it will stay in effect through next Thursday. The other data point that would require us to implement masks is if we have 5 COVID-19 cases with increasing illness at NDA. In that case, we would implement masks until case activity decreases.

Current physical distancing expectations are still in place - yellow dots in communal spaces and desks remain as is.

If there is a positive case in our school building, we will continue to identify close contacts from 48 hours from the positive student's start of symptoms or positive test date. Close contacts are defined as someone who was within 6 feet of the positive COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more while the person was considered contagious. If someone is considered a close contact - not vaccinated and not wearing a mask - there are 3 basic options when it comes to quarantine:

1. Quarantine for 10 days. No test needed. Added to the remote learner list.
2. Quarantine for 7 days if you have a negative COVID-19 test on or after day 5 and have no symptoms. Added to the remote learner list.
3. Test-to-Stay/Remain in school if they meet the following requirements:
 - The student has no symptoms.
 - The student must wear a mask for 7 days following the close contact exposure.
 - The student gets a negative PCR test within 48 hours of the notified exposure and on day 5. (Gravity Diagnostics in Covington is a recommended testing site that provides free, drive-thru testing options with results in less than 24 hours.)
 - If the student meets all of these conditions, he/she may remain at school and return to regular procedures on day 8 (which includes no masking).

Unless the mask requirement is reinstated at NDA due to Kenton County being in the Red Zone or we have 5 COVID-19 cases, masking is optional and each student (or family) will have to make this decision for herself. As a school, we will respect the decision of each individual and encourage our students to embrace the sisterhood by supporting each other in their decisions. We anticipate that we will see students choosing to wear a mask in certain situations such as transitions in the hallways or when in a large group. Again, this is a personal choice that needs to be respected.

We each have a responsibility to support one another in our choices. We are available to answer any questions parents or students may have.

Thank you,

Tina Sizemore, RN.
NDA School Nurse

Melanie Martin, RN.
NDA School Nurse

Student Life



MAKING PROGRESS

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Thank you to parents for your patience while we adjust our dismissal procedure to promote safety and efficiency. Based on observations over the last week and a half and survey results, the following adjustments were made effective yesterday:

Underclasswomen who carpool with a senior are permitted to dismiss at 3:01 p.m. when the seniors dismiss. Juniors will dismiss at 3:05 p.m. while freshmen and sophomores will all be dismissed at 3:08 p.m.

For the past two days, dismissal has gone very smoothly, and all drivers are out of the parking lot in record time. Administration will continue to explore other options for dismissal with local law enforcement.

PLEASE NOTE

ATTENTION SENIORS

SENIOR ADMIN MEETING ON FRIDAY

Seniors will have an admin meeting this Friday during homeroom. Topics to be covered include excused and unexcused absences, college and career visits, graduation preparations, etc.



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 and Friday. All are welcome to join us!

FREAKY FRIDAY

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

We are looking forward to Freaky Friday this Friday night at Receptions. (Registration is closed.) The event for seniors and juniors and their moms begins at 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Freshmen and sophomores can join their moms from 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Professional Photography will be available. Packages starting at \$10 can be paid for with cash, check or credit card. Printed packages will be delivered to the school for pick-up. Enjoy food, fun and dancing!





Thank you
for your
help!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS

As you may know, our annual Silver Bells Dance is coming up on Saturday, December 11. Every year we are in need of parents to help with this event and we are asking Freshman parents to help with cleanup. We are looking for 12-15 parents to be there to clean up from 11:00 p.m. - midnight. Please fill out the form found [HERE](#) by Friday, November 19 to let us know if you would be available to help. Thank you for helping us make these kinds of events possible!



DAY OF THE DEAD

EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

In Spanish classes we have studied and celebrated El día de los muertos, or Day of the Dead, by learning about the special time of year when we remember those we love who have died. Spanish 2 students made ofrendas, or small altars, to honor our special loved ones, as well as paper flowers and other small projects to better understand this important tradition in parts of the Spanish speaking world.



CONGRATULATIONS!

PANDAS PLACE WITH PROSE

Congratulations to sophomores Sophia Ernst and Allison Knop! Sophia earned 2nd place in the Haunt Your Library Halloween Writing Contest sponsored by the Kenton County Public Library and Allison took third place in the contest at the sophomore level, both for prose fiction.



2 WORK STUDY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

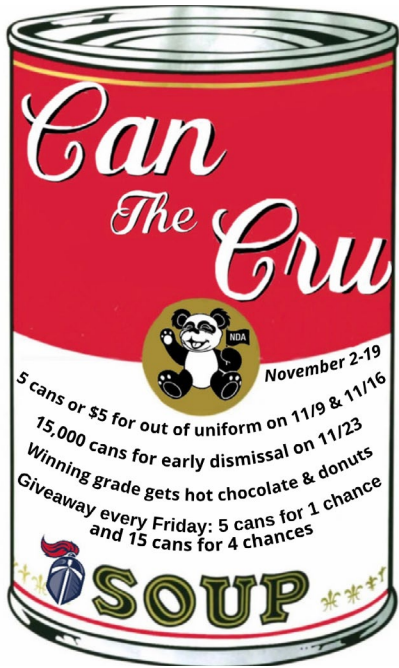
WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

We are moving toward more self-service in the cafeteria as we did prior to COVID-19. We are no longer using the lunch order form. Once we have the necessary personnel to staff the cafeteria, we will be adding the salad bar and the use of trays back into our lunchtime routine. **If you are interested in working in NDA's dish room through our Work Study Program, (M,T,H,F: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | W: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) please contact our cafeteria manager at ndahr@ndapandas.org.** You can find NDA's lunch menu [HERE](#).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CAN THE CRU!

Our annual can food drive began on Tuesday, November 2, and goes through Friday, November 19. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Below is a list of items that they are especially in need of. This year they are requesting NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS!



PLEASE BRING IN THE FOLLOWING:

Stuffing
Knorr pasta sides
Spaghetti sauce
Spaghetti
Gravy - Turkey, Chicken, Beef
Pancake mix
Syrup
Cake mix
Icing for cakes
Flour
Cooking oil
Sugar - pure cane, brown, powdered
Cookie mixes
Jiffy Corn muffin mix

Ramen Noodles - Chicken and Beef flavor
Ketchup
Mustard
Mayonnaise
Salad dressings
Canned tuna in water
Canned chicken in water
Chef Boy R Dee Ravioli
Canned Beef Stew
Canned Chili
Salt
Pepper
Mixed Vegetable
Cereal
Cereal Bars
Minute Rice - White and Brown

Mac & Cheese
Shells and cheese
Instant and canned potatoes
Strawberry jelly
Grape jelly
Peanut butter

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

YEARBOOK NEWS

The 2021 NDA yearbook, **Together**, has gone to press and is scheduled to ship between Halloween and Thanksgiving. A limited number of extra copies will be available for students who did not pre-order. Books are \$70 and checks should be made out to NDA.

The 2022 NDA yearbook, **Make it Count**, is available for pre-order now at jostens.com. Order now for the special fall price of \$60.



PANDA PRIDE

SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Last week t-shirts, this week shorts! We've got 10% off shorts in the Bambootique this week. Shop online [HERE](#).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Coupon Book Fundraiser Steps

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

GET BOOKS

- 01** Pick up and sign for your books during homeroom on **FRI 11/19**

SELL BOOKS

- 02** Sell to family and friends \$25/ book.

FILL OUT TALLY SHEET

- 03** Fill out tally sheet here with customer info including check and cash amounts collected

UPLOAD TALLY SHEET

- 04** Upload here. MUST be an excel or google sheet.

TURN IN MONEY

- 05** Turn in your money marked with name **BY FRIDAY 12/17**

Questions? Email Myanna or Mrs. Colvin!

COUPON BOOKS!

PANDA SAVINGS!

COUPON BOOKS

Coupon books are in! If you are an athlete and chose to sell coupon books they can be picked up during homeroom on November 19. You will sign for the books then and can start selling. Once you sell, please fill out the [tally sheet](#) and upload [here](#) before turning in your money by Friday December 17.

If you want to pick up your coupon books sooner please email the Athletic Director, Myanna Webster, at websterm@ndapandas.org.

PLEASE NOTE!
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ATTENTION PANDA FANS

SOCCER STATE CHAMPION GEAR

LIMITED OFFER: Order your Soccer State Champion gear here:
http://stores.inksoft.com/nda_soccer_2021_state_champs

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



torchprep

PARTNERS
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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

REGISTER TODAY

ACT PREP CLASSES

Torchprep will again be hosting some ACT prep classes at NDA starting February 2. The training will be on Thursday and Saturdays and lead up to the March 8 test that all juniors will take in school. For more information see: [Torchprep](#)



GOVERNOR'S
SCHOOL FOR
ENTREPRENEURS

GSE APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors can apply for the 2022 KY [Governor's School for Entrepreneurs](#). (GSE) beginning November 15! **GSE is offering 6 virtual events via Zoom this fall to showcase the GSE experience and dive into the application process. Find links to register [HERE](#).**



GSA APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The [application](#) for GSA 2022 opened up last week!



GSP APPLICATION PROCESS

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

[GSP 2021-2022 Applications and Forms](#) are now available on the GSP website, under the Applicant's tab, along with [Helpful Hints and Videos](#). **NDA's GSP Applications are due November 22.** 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](#).

ADVANCING OUR MISSION



8th Grade Girls **PANDA FUNFEST!**

FOR 8th GRADE GIRLS **PANDA FUNFEST**

If you know an 8th grade girl who would like to learn more about NDA and experience the sisterhood of our spirited Pandas, please invite her to join us for this year's Panda FunFest on November 19 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. All 8th grade girls are welcome! Registration is required.

[2021 FunFest Registration Form](#)

TIME TO SIGN UP

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is required as part of the admission process at NDA. All incoming freshman students interested in attending Notre Dame Academy must take the HSPT. The Diocesan-wide testing date for the HSPT is Saturday, December 11. There is a testing fee of \$20.00 that must be paid at the time of test registration. The deadline for registration is December 3, 2021. [2021 HSPT Registration Form](#)

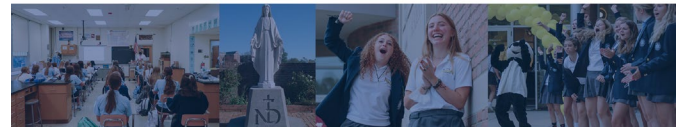
#SUPPORTING OUR PANDAS **ANNUAL FUND 2021**

Tuition at NDA is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Each NDA student benefits from this tuition gap of \$2420. Contributions to the NDA Annual Fund help fill this funding gap and allow us to continue to provide a premiere Catholic education to the young women of our community.

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](#).



Help "fill the gap" and make Catholic education more accessible and available to students at Notre Dame Academy.



At [Mosquito Hunters](#), our mission is simple: To provide local families with effective, safe, and affordable mosquito, tick and fleas control. By choosing Mosquito Hunters, you're choosing proven protection for your home and family. We apply targeted treatments, which are proven to greatly reduce mosquito, tick and flea activity and are effective for 21 days after application.

Our friendly Technicians can identify the biggest mosquito hot-spots on your property and create a customized plan for defense. We will then treat your yard using products which are proven to greatly reduce mosquito activity. We're so confident in the quality of our work that we back every treatment with our Client Happiness Promise. Under this policy, we guarantee your satisfaction for 21 days after treatment. If you're unhappy with our work for any reason during this period, we will re-treat your yard with no questions asked, at no additional cost.

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

November 12	Mother/Daughter Dance at Receptions
November 13	HSPT Prep at NDA
November 19	Panda FunFest for incoming 8th Graders
November 20	JR Retreat (1 of 4 options)
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service (ADJ)
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	8th Grade Financial Aid Information Night
December 1	SO Retreat
December 2	HSPT Prep at NDA
December 4	JR Retreat (2 of 4 options)
	FR Semi Formal Dance at NDA
December 7	Choral Concert and Dance Pandas
December 8	No School: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 10	In School Band and Choral Concert
December 11	HSPT and ACT at NDA
	Silver Bells Dance
December 12	Band Christmas Concert
December 13	Advent Mass (ADJ)
December 15-17	Midterm Exams
December 18	Christmas break begins
January 3	School resumes