



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

I hope you are having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It has been a relatively quiet summer at NDA in comparison to the past two summers when we were dealing with our *Excellence Without Boundaries* campaign renovations.

I hope your daughters have started their summer reading and are enjoying our common reader - *I Choose to be Happy*, by Missy Jenkins Smith. The Common Reader Committee is busy planning for this year's Common Reader Day on October 9. Thanks to all the faculty and students who will be helping with this special day.

Please note a few business items that follow, most importantly, the **Parent Information Meetings**. The **Freshman Parent Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13** and the **Sophomore, Junior and Senior Parent Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14**. The meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the NDA Theatre and last approximately one hour. The meeting agenda will include information on academics, student life, campus ministry, counseling, instructional technology, our Panda Parent Club and student schedules will be handed out. Grade level specific information will be included each night. **It is very important that each family is represented at these meetings.** Please note that on both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices.

The calendar for the 2019-20 school year can be found on our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

I look forward to welcoming our students and families for the 2019-20 school year when we will focus on the first educational principal of the Sisters of Notre Dame: *The Centrality of a Good and Provident God*. I hope you have time to enjoy the rest of the summer with family and friends and I will see you in a few weeks for the Parent Information Meetings.

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR INCOMING AND RETURNING FAMILIES:

Freshman Parents - Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

Sophomore/Junior/Senior Parents - Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 p.m. in the theatre

* **Please note:** On both back to school parent meeting nights, we will have a reception with light appetizers starting at 5:30 p.m. Also at this time, Joseph Beth Booksellers will be selling the required English novels for the school year at discounted prices. Novel lists by class and teacher will be provided prior to the meeting. Please make a note of the name of your daughter's English teacher when you get her schedule and bring it with you that evening.

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:

The calendar for the 2019-20 school year can be found at our website [HERE](#). Also, please see the important list of dates regarding the beginning of school in the list below.

2019-20 CLASS SCHEDULES:

Fall class schedules will be available online in early August.

SUMMER READING:

You can find all of NDA's summer reading assignments [HERE](#).

PARKING PASSES:

Parking passes will be sold:

- For seniors - July 29 and 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
- For juniors - July 31 and August 1 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- For sophomores and anyone that missed the first time - August 2 and August 5 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All students must bring [THIS FORM](#) with them when purchasing the parking pass.

REMINDERS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN & TRANSFER STUDENTS

- **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION** is an important part of the transition process for students. This year's Freshman Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for incoming freshmen.** Lunch will be provided. The orientation program will include information about the daily schedule, course requirements, opportunities for co-curricular involvement and the use of the iPad. Your daughter will have the opportunity to meet current and new students and start to develop some important relationships. Students will meet in Alumnae Hall and need to bring their iPad to the Freshman Orientation. Students are not required to wear uniforms for orientation. Dress is casual.
- If you are the parent or guardian of an incoming freshman, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. If you are the parent or guardian of a sophomore, junior or senior transferring to NDA, please plan to attend the **Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the theater. At the parent meeting you will receive important information about the school year and how we will help your daughter in making the transition to NDA.
- **NDA BRIDGE PROGRAM (For Incoming Freshmen)**
This program assists freshmen in gaining some Math, English and study skills before the start of the school year. It will be held at Notre Dame Academy from Monday, August 5 - Friday, August 9. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$90.00. Checks made payable to NDA should be sent to the attention of Katie Caccavari at NDA, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011. To register or for more information email: Mrs. Katie Caccavari • NDA Director of Admissions at caccavarik@ndapandas.org. The deadline to register for this program is July 30, 2019.

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

2019-2020

August 19	First Day of School
September 2	No School: Labor Day
October 11	No School: Professional Development Day
October 18	1st Quarter Ends
November 1	No School: All Saints' Day
November 27-29	No School: Thanksgiving Break
December 9	No School: Immaculate Conception
December 18-20	Exams
December 23	2nd Quarter Ends
December 23 - January 3	No School: Christmas Break
January 20	No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17	No School: Presidents' Day
March 13	3rd Quarter Ends
April 9 - 17	No School: Easter Break
May 18 - 20	Senior Exams
May 22	No School: Graduation
May 25	No School: Memorial Day
May 26-28	Exams
May 29	4th Quarter Ends/Cleaning Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◀

- As you can see from the dates above, due to the completion of our Capital Campaign renovations at NDA, our school year will begin on **Monday, August 19**.
- **Semesters will be an even number of days** with mid-term exams held in **December**.
- On **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**, we will **begin our school day at 8:00 a.m.** and **end at 3:01 p.m.** Classes on these days will last 47 minutes with 4 minutes in between for changing classes.
- We will continue our delayed start on **Wednesdays** with school **beginning at 9:00 a.m.** and **ending at 3:01 p.m.** Classes on these days will last 43 minutes with 4 minutes in between for changing classes.
- On **Mondays and Fridays**, students will have a **30-minute homeroom** following their 5th period classes.
- On **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, students will have a **30-minute Panda Prime Time** following their 5th period classes.
- We will have **announcements** each day following 5th period.

UNIFORM POLICY ◀

All students at Notre Dame Academy are required to wear a school uniform, which emphasizes our traditional dress code. This code is intended to: encourage cleanliness, neatness and pride in one's appearance; foster respect for the way in which one presents herself to others; create a semiformal atmosphere needed for a disciplined learning environment; provide a uniform manner of dressing which minimizes social differences that may exist among students. 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. Students should rarely be out of uniform during the school day. Any exception requires a note from the parents and a permit from the school office to be presented to each teacher. Below is an updated listing of the NDA Uniform Policy for the 2019-20 school year.

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt (of appropriate length) or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must fit properly, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard (will receive at Freshmen Orientation or on the first day of school)



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings
- black dress slacks for designated events

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. It may not be rolled at the waist and may be no more than three inches above the knee. NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary.

No colored undergarments or undergarments with visible writing that detracts from the uniform may be worn under the uniform blouse. If a student chooses to wear a T-shirt under the uniform shirt, it must be a plain white V-neck and may not be visible. No slacks may be worn under the uniform during the school day. Students may wear the uniform sweater or sweatshirt during the school day. No other sweaters or sweatshirts are acceptable.

Each Friday students are encouraged to wear NDA spirit wear with their gray skirt or slacks. A variety of NDA spirit wear items are available at the NDA Bambootique.

Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider. NDA's number is S1935.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀ B4B1

B4B1 (4 Schools, 1 Vision - Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers, Be One) is a week-long service immersion experience where students and teachers from four diverse area high schools came together to: connect experiences to justice issues, engage in transformational relationships, and grow a commitment to solutions. At the beginning of June, NDA Pandas Ceceilagh Pitstick (11), Riley Hemmer (11), Emelia Campbell (11) and Kaitlyn Eberhart (10) joined other students and faculty from Dater High School, Gamble Montessori and Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in taking a deeper look at the social justice issues right here in Cincinnati.

Hosted by St. Vincent De Paul and the Ozanam Center for Service Learning, the immersion program included daily elements of encounter, service, education and reflection experiences. Students participated in a poverty simulation and a community mapping exercise in Cincinnati's West End; they assisted at the Church of the Resurrection's Food Pantry in Bond Hill, faced challenges while completing a SNAP Food Challenge and visited the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, the YMCA and the Hamilton County Justice Center to name just a few of the area organizations.



July 10 - August 2

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Beginning August 5

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER READING ◀

Don't forget about your summer reading assignments!

Our Common Reader for the 2019-20 school year is *I Choose to be Happy*, by Missy Jenkins Smith. It is a very uplifting book even as it tackles the difficult topic of school shootings. The book was written for a teenage audience and includes many stories about the author's life since the shooting as they relate to the principles of listening, empathy, forgiveness, laughter, optimism and kindness.

We are very excited to announce that Missy Jenkins Smith will join us for our Common Reader Day on October 9 along with her co-author, William Croyle.

Other summer reading assignments can be found on our website [HERE](#).



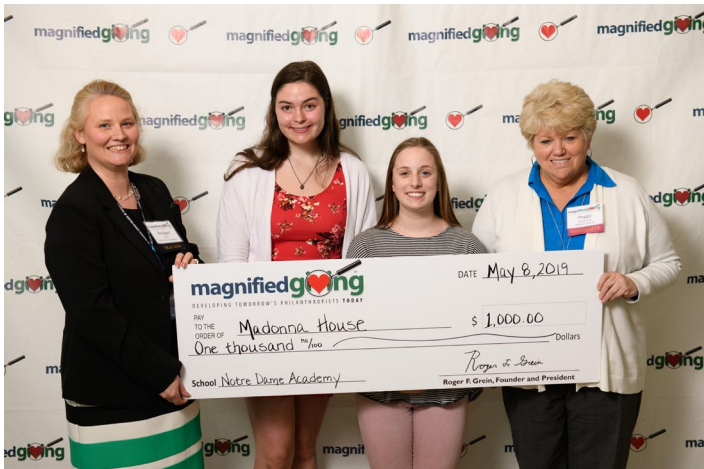
INCOMING FRESHMEN SERVICE PROJECT ◀

Our newest Pandas are already learning to make a difference in the world! Incoming freshmen came to NDA today for a Plarn Service Project. They made plastic yarn out of grocery bags which will later be made into various products including sleeping mats for the homeless, backpacks, gardening mats, etc. They had a great time getting to know each other and recycling the bags into a useful product!



MAGNIFIED GIVING ◀

Congratulations to our students who participated in the 2018-2019 Magnified Giving Youth Philanthropy school program. We are proud of them for serving others and discovering their gifts, talents, and passions while making a positive impact on our school and community. Below are photos from the award ceremony with our students and their chosen charity.



CALLED TO SERVE ◀

Notre Dame Academy congratulates NDA alumna Amy McGrath Henderson '93 on her decision to run for the U.S. Senate in 2020. As a retired Marine Corps Lt. Colonel and former F/A-18 fighter pilot, Amy has lived her life in service to her country. Her willingness to serve as an elected official for our country further demonstrates her commitment to making a difference. As a Catholic school dedicated to educating young women to make a difference in our world, we commend Amy's commitment to service and dedication to our nation.

Notre Dame Academy celebrates all of our alumnae who are currently making a difference as public servants around the world. If you are an NDA alumna or know an NDA alumna who is serving others in a public service career, please let us know by contacting our Alumnae Coordinator Molly Molony-Greene at molony-greenem@ndapandas.org.



As a Catholic institution we are mindful of the expectations of the guidelines established by the US Conference of Bishops faithful citizenship document (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/dos-and-donts-guidelines-during-election-season.cfm>). Consistent with those guidelines, Notre Dame Academy does not endorse or oppose candidates, political parties, or groups of candidates.

FINAL FORMS ◀

We are very excited to announce that Notre Dame Academy has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign forms online for your daughters. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice! FinalForms also pre-populates information wherever possible, for each of your students, saving you time.

You may review your data at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update. Once the FinalForms information is shared with all families, you must login and complete the forms prior to the start of this school year.

Final Forms is also being used by the athletic department so if you have a student-athlete at NDA please visit the [website for instructions](#) on how to sign up and upload your KHSAA physical before tryouts/first practice.

PLEASE NOTE: Some families with athletes have already created their FinalForms account because this was required before the fall season started. Those families who do not have a daughter playing a sport in the fall season will be notified in August as to when FinalForms will be available for them to create their FinalForms.



NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

Come out to celebrate Notre Dame Academy at our 21st annual Golf Outing Friday August 2, 2019 at Summit Hills Country Club. Registration is from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. with a "Shot Gun" start at 8:00 a.m. Registration is \$150/person, \$600/foursome and includes: goody bag, cart, green fees, refreshments and lunch. Priority Game Packages: \$25 to get into all games on course if purchased prior to event (\$35 day of event). Games Include- Straightest drive, closest to pin, hole in one, putting green, mulligan, skins, etc. To register click [HERE](#).

SUPPORT NDA ATHLETICS ◀

Get your customized Panda flag today! A \$250 donation to the golf outing gets you an incredible keepsake that will always be cherished. Email athletic director, Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org to purchase or with questions. Last day to order is July 22nd!

Customize for your Panda!

Great keepsake for
students, seniors and
alumnae.



Sponsor the golf outing at
the \$250 level to receive a
Golf Outing Flag



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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

As you know, this past year the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department replaced its long-established fruit sale fundraiser with a customized NDA coupon book fundraiser. Parents and student athletes found the coupon book fundraiser to be far less labor-intensive and time consuming with many offering insightful feedback.

We have taken those comments into consideration and we are happy to announce that in the 2019-2020 school year, student athletes will have 3 options from which to choose to fulfill the coupon book fundraiser requirement including the option not to sell coupon books but pay the amount raised from each book sale.

NDA Coupon Book Fundraiser Requirement Options:

Daughter #1

- Option #1 - Sell 18 books
- Option #2 - Pay Half-Fundraising Fee of \$140 and sell 9 books
- Option #3 - Pay Full-Fundraising Fee of \$280 and sell NO books

Daughter #2

- Option #1 - Sell 14 books
- Option #2 - Pay Half-Fundraising Fee of \$110 and sell 7 books
- Option #3 - Pay Full-Fundraising Fee of \$220 and sell NO books

Daughter #3

- Option #1 - Sell 8 books
- Option #2 - Pay Half-Fundraising Fee of \$165 and sell 4 books
- Option #3 - Pay Full-Fundraising Fee of \$130 and sell NO books

You will select an option for each daughter participating in athletics by August 27, 2019 through Final Forms.

If no option is selected by August 27 2019, OR a student chooses to participate in athletics after August 27, 2019, the student will be required to choose Option #3 and pay the Full Fundraising Fee and sell NO books.

*As a reminder, the coupon book fundraiser requirement is separate from the athletic participation fee requirement.

Thank you for encouraging your daughter to participate in NDA's athletic program. We are committed to developing student athletes and preparing them to make a positive difference in the world.

Sincerely,

Myanna Webster
NDA Athletic Director



Mobile Cardiac Overview & Risk Evaluation

mCORE to Provide Cardiac Screening Opportunity for Notre Dame Academy (KY)

PREVENTATIVE HEART SCREENINGS

I would like to share information on an excellent opportunity that's been made available to our students at Notre Dame Academy. We are partnering with mCORE™ — Mobile Cardiac Overview and Risk Evaluation — to screen our students for the cardiac conditions and abnormalities which may put them at risk of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). mCORE partners with schools, hospitals and foundations to provide convenient and dependable heart screenings.

SCA is the #1 Killer of Student Athletes Each Year, many of which could have been prevented with a simple examination like this.

The time requirement is approximately 10-12 minutes per student and each student will be receiving both an EKG and Echo screening. You may use your healthcare spending account or flex care spending account for payment.

All mCORE screenings are performed by registered cardiac sonographers and results are read by mCORE medical director and our team of pediatric cardiologists.

(Please contact mCORE should financial hardship preclude you from taking part).

Learn more about mCORE and Preventative Heart Screenings at www.mcoreathletes.com

Notre Dame Academy (KY)

Heart Screening

mCORE Screening Location will be in the Coaches Locker Room

Time: 8am – 4pm

When: Monday, July 29, 2019

Cost: \$79



To reserve your screening time please click [Sign up](#) or www.mcoreathletes.com,

click [Schedule Screening](#) and choose Notre Dame Academy (KY).

If you have questions or need help registering please contact mCORE: 866-382-2319.



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www.mcoreathletes.com

ALUMNAE MENTORING PROGRAM ◀

For Juniors and Seniors:

We are excited to announce that we are expanding our Alumnae Mentoring Program for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. All students in the Class of 2020 and 2021 are invited to apply to be a part of this inspiring program. We have detailed information of what your daughter can expect from the program listed below along with the application link to sign up. We will host a mentee/mentor introduction on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. in Alumnae Hall.

What is Alumnae Mentoring?

Mentoring is

- a sustained relationship, often in a career-oriented setting, between an experienced and trusted person who gives advice (the mentor) to another less-experienced person (the mentee).
- the process by which a person offers guidance and instruction to assist mentees in their personal and career development.
- sharing knowledge and resources depending on goals set for the specific mentoring relationship.
- providing support and information about a career path, motivation, and role modeling to a mentee

What does it mean to be an NDA Mentee?

A student that is advised, trained or counseled by an experienced professional in one's field of interest.

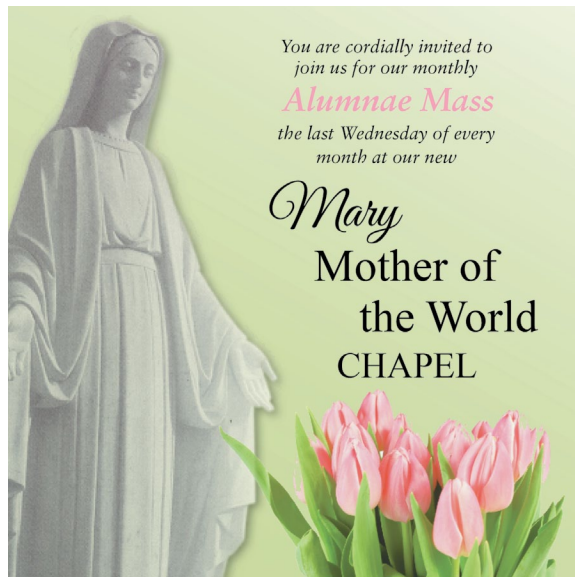
How does this program benefit your daughter?

Your daughter will

- develop leadership skills
- enhance written and oral communications
- get increased exposure to a job or field of her interest
- learn crucial networking skills and strategies
- gain confidence with interviewing skills
- build relationships that could benefit her in her professional future
- receive help building her resume

ALUMNAE MENTORING

[Click here](#) to have your student fill out the NDA Alumnae Mentee application. If you have any questions feel free to email [Molly Molony-Greene](#), Alumnae Relations Coordinator with any questions.



ALUMNAE MASS ◀

Parents and students, please join us at our monthly Alumnae Masses. The July Alumnae Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. in our new *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel with a continental breakfast to follow. Masses are scheduled for the following dates:

July 31 at 10:00 a.m.

August 28 at 7:30 a.m.

September 21 at 7:30 a.m.

October 30 at 7:30 a.m.

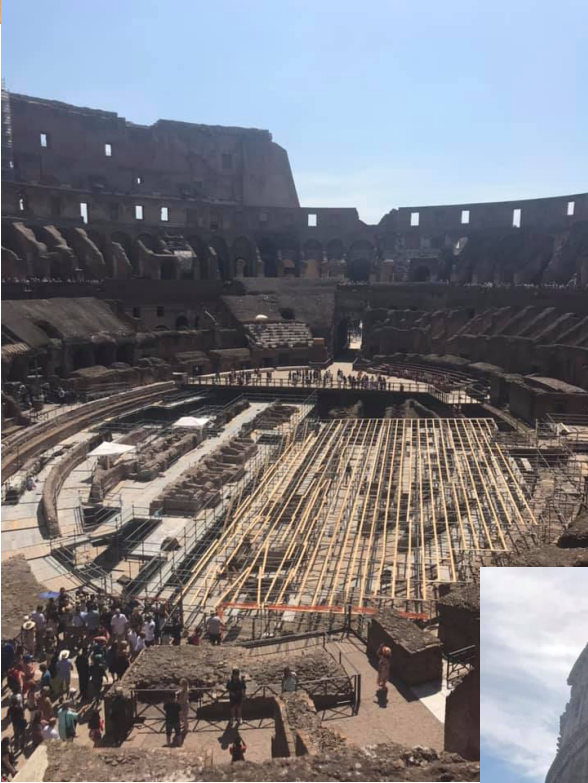
ALUMNAE DAY ◀

To register a team, or an individual, click [HERE](#). For more information please contact Molly Molony-Greene at molony-greenem@ndapandas.org.



WORLD TRAVELING PANDAS ◀

Here are a few pictures from our international summer trip to Italy!



GALA TABLE CAPTAINS STILL NEEDED ◀

We are still looking for GALA TABLE CAPTAINS/dedicated parents who are willing to help fill a table of 10. The job of table captain is quite simple and costs nothing! All table captains are supplied with a “how to” basket, full of essentials needed to fill their table: NDA address book, gala post cards, pens, and, if desired, stamps.

The table captain simply chooses and invites friends and family (invitees don't have to be from NDA, all are welcome) to join them at the gala! There is NO financial obligation to pay for your table reservations! You simply secure a positive response from at least 10, get them to reserve their spot at your table and ultimately FILL that table :) If interested, please contact Holly Danneman at hgdmd6@gmail.com



▶ Important dates

July 31	Alumnae Mass
July 29 - August 1	NDA Leadership Summit
August 2	NDA Golf Outing
August 5 - 9	Summer Bridge Program
August 6-9	Senior Retreat #1
August 12	Freshmen and New Student Orientation
August 13	Freshman Parent Night
August 14	Sophomore, Junior and Senior Parent Night
August 19	First Day of School
August 21	Opening School Mass
August 28	Alumnae Mass

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the **Community News** section of **NDA's website** for news about.

- Work Study Positions Available
- The Marriage Journey

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

