



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Panda Families,

As we continue to settle into the rhythm of the new year, I am grateful for the many moments of learning, creativity and faith-filled connection happening across our campus. It is wonderful to see our students fully engaged, whether in the classroom, on the stage, in the gym, in prayer or through service to others.

This weekend, we will celebrate the creativity and leadership of our students through the NDA/CCH Theatre Showcase. Our student directors, performers and crew will bring this year's Roadtrip theme to life with energy and confidence, reminding us of the powerful role the arts play in forming young women who lead with voice and vision.

We also celebrate an important academic milestone this week as Notre Dame Academy was named to the 2025 AP® School Honor Roll. This recognition reflects the dedication of our faculty and staff and the hard work of students who challenge themselves through rigorous coursework while preparing for college and beyond.

Last Friday, our community gathered for a meaningful milestone, our first all-school Mass of 2026, as we honored our Consecutive Donors. It was a beautiful moment of gratitude and reflection, recognizing those whose faithful generosity sustains our mission and allows us to educate and empower young women each day. During my reflection, I invited our community to consider the quiet presence of guardian angels, the guides who stand beside us, carrying our prayers and intentions to God. Saints throughout our tradition remind us that we are never alone, especially in moments of offering and trust. May this reminder strengthen us as we *Walk Humbly, Serve Boldly and Shine with Grace*, confident that God walks with our students and calls them forward with courage and faith.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and trust. Together, we continue to form young women grounded in faith, guided by purpose and prepared to lead.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding

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Walk in Faith!

FAITH IN ACTION



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

SENIOR RETREAT

Please pray for the Seniors who are making their retreat this week, that this time away may be filled with peace, reflection, and openness to God's presence, and that they may return renewed in faith, purpose, and hope.



FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will celebrate mass in the chapel at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, January 16 and Tuesday, January 20.

Our next all school mass will be to kick off Catholic Schools Week on Monday, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. in our gym.



GROWING IN CHRIST'S LOVE

SOPHOMORE RETREAT

The Sophomore Retreat will take place on Monday, February 2 from 8:00 am. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Barbara's Sterling Event Center in Erlanger. More information and a permission form was sent home with the sophomores this week. The permission forms are due back on Wednesday, January 21 to their religion teacher.

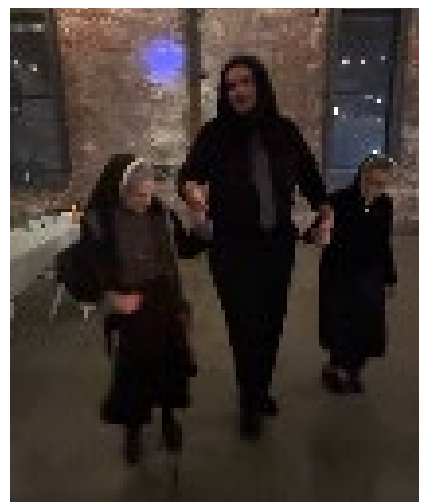
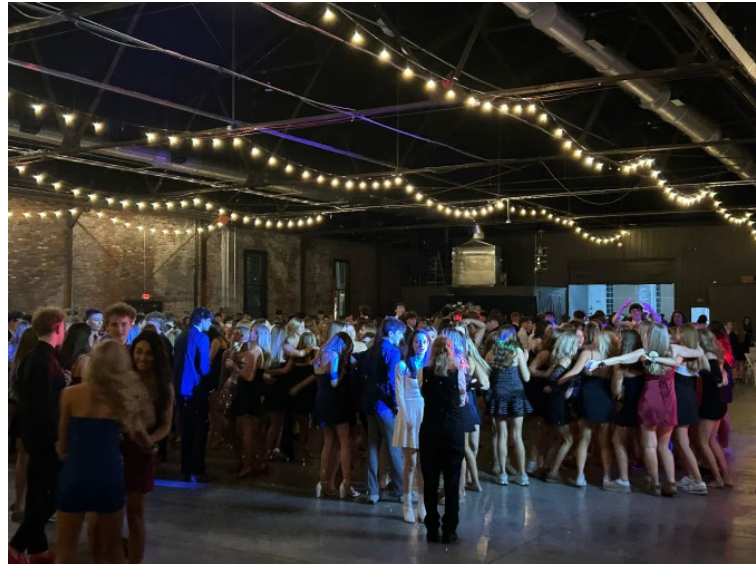


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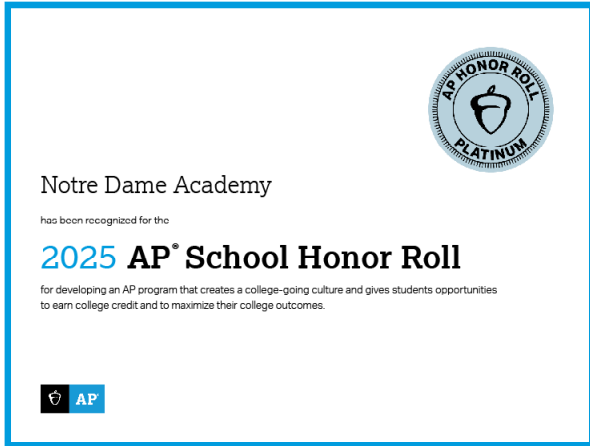
SERVICE

Over the past few weeks, each Freshmen and Sophomore have met individually with Mrs. Price to check in on where they stand with their service work. Freshmen and Sophomore Service work is due on March 31. Students have been encouraged to sign up with service agencies early as spots will fill quickly as many schools have service work due soon. A list of service requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#).

NDA SILVER BELLS 2025-2026



Student Life



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY NAMED TO 2025 AP® SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We're proud to share that Notre Dame Academy has been named to the 2025 AP® School Honor Roll—recognizing our commitment to academic rigor, college readiness and expanding access to Advanced Placement opportunities for our students.

This distinction reflects the dedication of our AP teachers, counselors and administrators, and the hard work of our students who challenge themselves with college-level coursework while still in high school. Congratulations to our entire NDA community on this achievement and on continuing to build a strong college-going culture rooted in excellence.



STUDENT-DIRECTED PRODUCTION

THEATRE SHOWCASE HITS THE ROAD THIS WEEKEND

The NDA Theatre Department's annual Student-Directed Showcase is this weekend, and we can't wait to see what our Drama Panda and Colonels have been working on. This year's showcase, themed *Roadtrip*, features student-selected songs and scenes, original choreography and creative direction led entirely by students.

Showtimes:

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday at 2 p.m.

You can purchase tickets [HERE](#). We hope to see you there!



ORDER TODAY

YEARBOOK NEWS

NDA's 2026 yearbook, is available to order at jostens.com beginning at midnight tonight. Also, through Jan. 30, you can customize your book with cover icons to represent your daughter's favorite activities. Order now to take advantage of this great opportunity and best price! Our publications classes work hard to make the yearbook and appreciate



DELICIOUS NEWS

LUNCH MENU

This week's lunch menu and the cafeteria price sheet are available [HERE](#) for easy reference. Families are encouraged to check the menu often to help students plan ahead for meals they'll enjoy.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

2026-27 FINANCIAL AID & WORK STUDY APPLICATION

At Notre Dame Academy, we are committed to partnering with any family whose daughter could benefit from an NDA education. For the 2025-26 school year, NDA provided \$944,297 in financial assistance and tuition allowances, demonstrating our strong commitment to accessibility and our continued efforts to keep tuition increases to a minimum without sacrificing quality or opportunity.

To better serve our families and provide award decisions earlier in the enrollment process, we have moved this year's application deadline to February 28, 2026.

FACTS financial aid and work study applications opened December 15, and families may use their 2024 tax information when applying.

For questions or assistance, please contact Mr. Cliff Ludwig, CFO, at 859-292-1844.

ADVANCE ORDERS REQUIRED

CSW CHICK-FIL-A LUNCH PLANNED

To help conclude our Catholic Schools Week celebration, [Chick-fil-A](#) will be served for lunch on **Friday, January 30**.

Please note the following important details:

- **All orders must be placed and paid for in advance** in order to participate.
- **Hot lunch will not be served in the cafeteria** on this day.
- **Orders are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23.**
- **Late orders will not be accepted.**
- If you would like to pay with **cash**, please contact **Mrs. Kroger or Ms. Hilbert**.

A quick note when placing orders: while fries are available, they may not be as fresh as when ordered directly at a restaurant. Fries can lose crispness during transport and may be a bit soggy, especially for students with **second lunch**. This is just something to keep in mind when selecting your meal.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

YOUR GO-TO SOURCE FOR NDA SPIRIT WEAR

SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE ONLINE

Have you seen everything NDA's Bambootique has to offer? From game days to school events, the Bambootique has the perfect spirit wear for showing your Panda pride wherever you go. Visit the Bambootique in person or shop [ONLINE](#) today and support the Pandas in style!

REPORTING ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: attendance@ndapandas.org. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

PLEASE NOTE!

Catholic Schools

Week Schedule

MON	GRADE SCHOOL DAY <small>NDA VS CCH VOLLEYBALL GAME THAT NIGHT</small>
SISTERHOOD SLEEPOVER	TUES
WED	WACKY WEDNESDAY
WHITE LIES DAY	THURS
FRI	GENERATIONS DAY <small>FRESHMEN: BABIES SOPHOMORES: GRADE SCHOOL JUNIORS: PARENTS SENIORS: SENIOR CITIZENS</small>

A WEEK OF FAITH, FUN AND SCHOOL SPIRIT CSW ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Student Council has been hard at work planning many fun and meaningful activities for our upcoming Catholic Schools Week. Throughout the week, students can look forward to special events, themed days, and opportunities to celebrate our school community, faith, and school spirit. We are excited to share these activities with everyone and hope they help make Catholic Schools Week a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.



NDA V CCH
CSW VOLLEYBALL GAME
Theme: Country (NDA) v Country Club (CCH)
Jan. 26th
Starts: 6 PM
Tickets are \$5!!!!
@ NDA

COMMUNITY INVITED TO SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE VOLLEYBALL MATCH TO KICK OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We would like to invite all students, parents, and members of our community to join us for an exciting volleyball match against Covington Catholic on Monday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. The game will be held at NDA, and it promises to be a great evening of school spirit and friendly competition. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Emergency Cold Shelter of NKY. We hope you can come out to support our teams and help kick off Catholic Schools Week with strong community pride and enthusiasm.



PANDAS GOT TALENT
JAN 30TH
SCAN TO SIGN UP

CSW TALENT SHOW! CALLING ALL NDA PANDAS!

The annual Pandas Got Talent Show will be held during Catholic Schools Week on Friday, January 30. We would love to increase the participation in this show and make it fun while also seriously celebrating the talents of so many NDA PaNDAs!

This [form](#) must be completed by **Friday, January 16 at 4 p.m.** in order to participate in this year's show, and only one form per performance, please! In addition, each entry must send a video of their performance to Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Kroger, and Ms. Hilbert by **Friday, January 23 at 4 p.m.** Every entry must be previewed before the Talent Show. No exceptions! Acts are limited to 3 minutes.

Some examples of acts performed in the past are singing, dancing, science experiments, musical acts, skits, etc. We can't wait to see your amazing talents!!



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2026 fall semester. Four students will be experiencing the NDA Life for about 10 weeks. The girls would arrive in Mid-October and depart in the middle of December. These students speak English very well and are screened thoroughly by their school before they are allowed to apply for this exchange program. Please call or email Sammie Bezold, Foreign Exchange Program Coordinator, at bezolds@ndapandas.org/859-292-1884, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment.



STUDENTS INVITED TO SERVE

NDA'S FIRST-EVER MUSTARD SEED MISSION TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's first-ever Mustard Seed Mission Trip. Join us for a week of service, community, and spiritual growth as we accompany and serve some of the most vulnerable communities.

Dates: May 30 through June 6, 2026

Location: Moca, Dominican Republic

Cost: \$1,200 (fundraised) plus airfare (approximately \$800)

Sign Up: 2026 Mustard Seed Mission Trip Registration

This opportunity is open to all students 15 and older, including current seniors.

Mustard Seed Communities partners with vulnerable populations around the world, offering hope, support, and practical assistance to those most in need. This experience is more than travel — it is an invitation to make a lasting impact and to encounter God's heart for the vulnerable.

Spaces are limited. Please email [Ms. Dooling](mailto:Ms.Dooling) with any questions.

ADVENTURE AWAITS!

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY IS HEADING TO SPAIN & PORTUGAL IN JUNE 2027

Experience the history, art, and beauty of the Iberian Peninsula with your classmates and NDA faculty chaperones as you journey from Lisbon to Barcelona. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to explore two amazing countries in one unforgettable trip!

Attendance at an info meeting isn't required — everyone's welcome!

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

Any questions? Contact [Ms. Dooling](mailto:Ms.Dooling) for more details.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS



Archery

We finished off our first 3D week of the season with some moderate success at Community Christian Academy. The high school girls division had 127 archers and we placed 1 in the top 10 and 3 in the top 25. Additionally, we had 2 girls shoot personal best scores this weekend! 3D archery is very challenging and this tournament helped us appreciate this and will allow us to be more prepared for our next 3D tournament in a couple weeks!

Archers are back in action at the Scott High School invitational on Friday and Saturday



Bowling

Another awesome tournament for the Pandas Bowling Team! In a singles tournament, in a field of 48 girls, there were three PaNDAs in the final four bowlers! Senior Cami Norrice, Sophomore Alyssa Bechtol, and Freshman Erica Barczak. Runner up in the tournament was our PaNDA bowler Alyssa Bechtol! The team is back in action with senior night on Tuesday January 13, Thursday they have a match against Ryle and then on Saturday they have the Cooper Tournament! Keep up the great work Pandas!



Basketball

Last Friday, basketball hosted a wonderful Grade School night! Lots of future Pandas were here to have fun and watch the team beat Scott High School, with a score of 54 - 35. The team has had a few good days of rest and practice. They are back in action on Thursday against an Ohio powerhouse, Seton. All three teams will compete with game times at 4:30 (freshman), 6:00 (JV) and 7:30 (V).





Swim and Dive

This past Saturday the Swim team the 2026 Catholic Invitational on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Keating Natatorium (St. Xavier High School). This year's meet includes 18 Catholic schools from Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati, with 419 swimmers competing. We also celebrated our Seniors swimmers during the break between events.



This weekend the Aqua PaNDA's will be competing in the NKAC Swimming and Diving Championship at Scott High School. The divers will compete on Friday at 5:00PM and the swimmers will compete at 8:00AM on Saturday.

Good Luck to our Aqua Pandas!

NDA Middle School Girls Track & Field – Sign Up Now!

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Ready to run, jump, throw, and have FUN this spring? Join the Notre Dame Academy Middle School Girls Track & Field Team! No experience needed—just bring your energy and a great attitude!

Practice Schedule

- Mondays | 3:30 PM – St. Pius
- Fridays | 3:30 PM – Notre Dame Academy
- Starting – March 2nd

Meets

- Mostly Wednesday evenings
- Start time: 5:00 PM
- Location: Mostly Walton Verona
- Starting March 25

Track is a great way to:

- Build confidence
- Stay active and healthy
- Try new events
- Be part of an awesome team

Sign Up here – [Middle School Track Sign Ups](#)

Questions - reach out to Coach Joe Durrett durrettj@ndapandas.org

Bass Fishing!

Calling everyone interested in Bass Fishing. Please sign up in the front office, if you are interested in learning more about the sport this spring!

Middle School



STUDENTS INVITED TO LEARN MORE FLAG FOOTBALL SEASON INFORMATION MEETING PLANNED

Planning is underway for the upcoming flag football season, and students interested in joining the Flag Football Team are invited to attend an informational meeting.

The meeting will be held Thursday during PPT for freshmen through juniors. Students who plan to attend should select Theatre as their Flex location. Mrs. Turner is aware that several students may be absent from Theatre due to this meeting.

A separate meeting for seniors will be scheduled once all students have returned from retreat and additional information is available regarding Orange and White.

All students interested in flag football are asked to complete the [interest form](#), whether or not they are able to attend the meeting. This information will also be shared in the Flag Football Google Classroom.

For questions, students may contact Mr. Patrick Strickley or Mr. Michael Cerimele.



STUDENTS INVITED TO LEARN MORE NDA 1976 STATE CHAMPION SWIM TEAM TO BE HONORED

Notre Dame Academy's 1976 Girls State Champion Swim Team will be recognized during this year's Kentucky High School Athletic Association state swim and dive championships as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of state championship teams.

The NDA team will be honored Saturday evening following the 50-yard freestyle (approximately 7 p.m.) during the girls state meet.

Alumnae who are interested in attending and participating in the on-deck recognition should complete the KHSAA response form by Friday, January 30. A final confirmation of ticket numbers will be required by Friday, February 13.

Each participating alumna will receive two complimentary digital tickets — one for herself and one for a guest. Additional tickets may be purchased through khsaatickets.org. All tickets will be distributed digitally.

More details will be shared with the team's designated contact as the event approaches. We are proud to celebrate this historic NDA accomplishment and honor the legacy of our state champion swimmers.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



CAREER FAIR

ATTENTION PARENTS!

CAREER FAIR PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

NDA will be hosting the Career Fair this year on Tuesday, March 3rd. We are looking for any parent that may be willing and able to speak about his or her career. If you are an interested parent and can be available to present to small groups of students from approximately 8:15-10:30 am, please fill out this Google Form. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me directly at monohanc@ndapandas.org.

COLLEGE REP VISITS

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.



GSE & GSA APPLICATION TIME

REMINDER FOR NDA STUDENTS

Just a reminder to apply for the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs and the KY Governor's School for the Arts! These summer programs are amazing opportunities to learn and live on a college campus. These programs also qualify you for scholarship money at many different colleges and universities in the state of Kentucky. Please see the padlet for links to helpful presentations created by Mrs. Slone to help with your application. I highly encourage you to take advantage of these amazing opportunities!

GSE Application closes on January 16th, 2026 (9th, 10th, 11th graders)

GSA Application closes on January 18th, 2026 (10th and 11th graders)

To learn more about these opportunities, check out this [quick reference guide](#)

Advancing the Mission



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND

120
Years of More

THERE IS STILL TIME...

MULTIPLY YOUR GIFT

Thanksto your generosity, the Annual Fund continues to shape an Thankyou to all who have donated to Notre Dame Academy in 2025. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference for our students. Many employers will still match donations made last year, allowing your gift to be doubled or even tripled at no additional cost. Employees, retirees, and even spouses may be eligible. Take a quick moment to see if your employer [participates in matching gifts](#) and extend the impact of your support

MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE

*Doubling, or Tripling, your
impact is easy!*

The Matching Gift Process

1



An individual
donates to a
nonprofit.

2



They fill out their
employer's gift-
matching form.

3



The employer
reviews the form
and verifies the
donation.

4



The employer
matches
the individual's
donation.

Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US

ALUMNAE ROSARY

Tomorrow, January 15, at 9:30 a.m., Notre Dame Academy will host an alumnae rosary in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. This monthly tradition offers an opportunity to pause, pray and reflect together as a school family.

All are welcome to attend and join the NDA community in prayer.



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- New Youth Group!
- Mary's Meals, A Simple Solution to World Hunger
- Point Arc Fest 2025
- Diocesan Workshops

Important dates

January 14-16	Senior Retreat #2
January 15	Alumnae Rosary
January 16-18	NDA/CCH Showcase
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 26	Catholic Schools Week begins
	Mass with SNDs
	CSW Volleyball Game
January 29	IDEAL Space Blessing and Ribbon Cutting
January 30	Talent Show
February 4	Senior Retreat #3
	Mid-Quarter
February 5	Sips and Stems - Alumnae Hall
February 6	Winter Sports Pep Rally
February 16	No School - President's Day
February 18	Ash Wednesday Mass
	SND Day of Reconciliation Retreat
February 19	Alumnae Rosary