



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

As we continue this Lenten Season at NDA, we are reminded of the importance of preparing ourselves for the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Christ. During this time, our students have many opportunities to deepen their relationship with God, particularly through Lenten observances. I encourage our students participate in the sacrament of reconciliation, attend Mass or our daily decade of the rosary before Easter. By engaging in these spiritual opportunities, our students will gain a deeper understanding of what it means to live out the mission of Notre Dame Academy.



In today's edition of Panda Press Weekly, you will find a great deal of information to keep you informed and engaged. This includes details on Lenten opportunities for students, the academic calendar for the 2024-25 school year, as well as prom and after-prom information. Additionally, you'll can read stories highlighting the many accomplishments and activities of our students. It is evident that our community is fully embracing and embodying the mission of NDA.

I am grateful for the many ways we are connected through our mission at Notre Dame Academy. Following in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame, our goal is to cultivate young women who have a fundamental desire to seek excellence and make a difference not only for themselves, but also for the world at large. We do this by offering challenging academic programs and a multitude of co-curricular opportunities that include community service, student life, fine arts, leadership and athletics. We are blessed with the support of so many parents, families, alumnae and friends of NDA who wholeheartedly believe in our mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy and please know that we are grateful to partner with you in this important work!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life

"NO SCHOOL" DATES in 2024-25

August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 2	Labor Day
October 4	PD Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
November 5	Election Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 - January 3	Christmas Break
January 20	MLK Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
March 14	PD Day
April 17-25	Spring Break

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2024-25 CALENDAR NEWS

The academic calendar for next year has been finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The "No School" calendar is located in the blue table to the left. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the office staff.

2024 - 2025 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Incoming Freshmen Activities:



Week of July 29 - iPad Orientation

August 6 (morning) - Freshmen Orientation

August 6 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 7 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 8 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 9 (TBD a.m./p.m.) - Freshmen Bridge

First Day of School - August 12

Last Day of School - May 22

Graduation - May 23



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

There are a lot of new arrivals in the Bambootique! Shop at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).

FEBRUARY OUTREACH

NEW FAMILY COMPETITION - DRESS DRIVE



During the month of February, our family leadership students will sponsor and lead an outreach activity to benefit Cinderella's Closet. This organization works as a non-profit to help make Prom more affordable for girls who may struggle with the costs. Cinderella's Closet is in desperate need of dresses this year and we are happy to help and support them. What better time than right after the New Year when many families work to clean out closets and make donations? If you have formal gowns, blingy jewelry, formal shoes or just feel compelled to make a monetary donation, please consider helping such a worthy cause (which may benefit some of our very own PaNDAs). Please send in your items over the course of the next two weeks. There will be bins in the lobby for items this week. The flyers found [HERE](#) provide more details regarding what they need.

Rolling Into Action:



NDA BIKE DRIVE

CHANGE A LIFE...

DONATE A BIKE TODAY!

Join the Notre Dame Academy Peer Ministers, led by Josie Bozeman, as they gear up to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. Partnering with Catholic Charities' Pickett's Corner ministry, the students are collecting bikes to provide essential transportation for those in need.

Your donation of a bike, no matter its condition, can change a life. Pickett's Corner ministry repairs and donates used bikes to Parish Kitchen guests who rely on them to get to work, medical appointments and social services. Last year alone, over 250 bikes were given to neighbors in need, thanks to generous contributions.

But the wheels don't stop there. Notre Dame Academy aims to collect 25 bikes this year.

Don't have a bike to donate? You can still pedal towards change by making a monetary contribution. Every donation helps purchase spare parts, tools, and locks to secure bikes, ensuring they're road-ready for those who need them most.

This initiative is kicked off on Ash Wednesday and continues until March 2. **Please fill out the attached form below to donate a bike or make a monetary donation.**

Ready to join the ride? Let's spin the wheels of generosity and make a meaningful impact in our community, one bike at a time!

Change a life by donating a bike!

Do you have a gently used bike gathering dust in your garage?

Put it to good use by donating it to NDA's bike drive!

We're on a mission to provide transportation to those in need!

**Drop off your used bikes Monday - Friday on your way to school
between now and March 1 OR**

drop off your bikes on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

You can drop the bikes off at the garage doors by the tennis courts.

[SIGN UP TO DONATE A BIKE OR MAKE A DONATION HERE](#)

RED CARPET

PROM/AFTER PROM NEWS



We are excited for the 2024 Prom, which will be held on Friday, March 22 from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. at Music Hall. The theme for this year's Prom is the Red Carpet. The cost for Prom this year is \$75 and includes dinner, dancing, the shuttle bus (must register in advance) and After Prom. The After Prom will be held from 11:15 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. at NKU's Recreation Center. All students MUST turn in the After Prom Form indicating whether or not they will be attending After Prom.

[Prom Cover Letter / After Prom Form / NKU Waiver](#)

[Google Form for Registration](#)

Students should be sure to read everything thoroughly so that they know what they need to have completed in order to choose their seating arrangements. Mr. Strickley and/or Mrs. Phillips will be in the lobby Tuesday - Thursday mornings for the next few weeks (starting on Wednesday 2/21) if students have any questions or want to begin requesting seats. This was all shared with students, along with dress code expectations at a meeting last Monday. If a student needs to arrive late or leave early for Prom or After Prom a written note from a parent would be required in advance. Again, we are looking forward to a great event this year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org. If you would like to help with the After Prom, a committee has been formed as well.



MEMORIES FOR LIFE

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY

NDA's 2024 yearbook, 24 hOURS, is on sale now! This is a must have for all Pandas! Mr. Glynn and our Publications team does an AMAZING job capturing all of the wonderful happenings at NDA throughout the year and students will look back at their yearbook for years to come. You can purchase it online here: jostens.com.



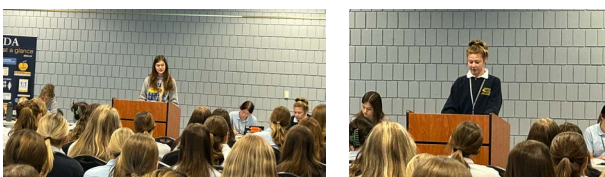
SHOWCASING STUDENT TALENT...

ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE

The AP Language and Composition class just finished a unit on argumentation and Debate. The culminating event for this unit was a debate runoff in the classroom. After bracket competition, there were two teams left to compete and Mr. Hamm invited anyone from the school to observe them face off in the final debate of the unit.



The two top winners in the debate competed for the championship in an open forum last Thursday. The DEBATE TOPIC (Resolution): "In the United States, social media is beneficial to democratic values." The Affirmative Team had to uphold this resolution/claim. The Negative Team had to negate this resolution/claim. Mary Wall and Mary Catherine Kelly worked to negate the claim and Lucy Bailey and Clara Heberling attempted to uphold the resolution. The winners were - Mary Wall and Mary Catherine Kelly. This debate competition spotlighted the many talents of a class of our senior PaNDAs who have bright futures ahead of them.





SPANISH STUDENTS GO OUT TO LUNCH

¡BUEN PROVECHO!

Last Thursday Sister Maria Francine's (Hermana's) Spanish 2 Honors class went out to lunch - but only down to a transformed Longshore Dining Café. Students designed their own menus after selecting a country on which to focus. Students included in the menu an original name for their restaurant, the main dish of their country with a picture, the price of the items in the monetary unit of their specific country as well as the food vocabulary they were learning. Each brought in an object like placemats or a center piece that represented their particular countries. The class saw videos and practiced the special phrases for ordering then, in groups of three or four, each one took turns being a server or a customer ordering food. The simulation was greatly enhanced by cookies made by Jodi Rodriguez, a Cuban American neighbor of Ellie Leen. Ellie had designed a Cuban menu and when Jodi heard that, she volunteered to bake us cookies so we could have an authentic taste of her homeland. Now we are hoping that this new learning can be put to good use when our students visit in other countries!



DELICIOUS NEWS

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

You can find NDA's lunch menu below and on our website [HERE](#).

INTERNATIONAL PANDAS

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED



NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2024 fall semester. Two students will be experiencing The NDA Life for 6-8 weeks. The German students would love to be in the US to celebrate Halloween if possible, so we are exploring the idea of having the girls arrive here in mid -September and depart at the beginning of November. 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 Katie Caccavari, NDA Director of Enrollment, at caccavarik@ndapandas.org/859-292-1829, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as host families.

GO PANDAS!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

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Sadie Hartig - She won the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races at the first round of the state championships. [Vote Here!](#)

NEW ADDITION

THE ENQUIRER STUDENT OF THE WEEK



We are so excited that the Cincinnati Enquirer is working to further recognize outstanding students in the tri-state for their incredible efforts in various categories: Spirit Award, Art and Soul Award and the Academic Excellence Award.

Here were our nominations for the first edition. Unfortunately, this has already been published on 2/12. We were under the impression that these students would be published for voting this week. We will keep you better informed of our students so that our community can rally behind them as we do for Athlete of the Week.

Spirit Award - Paige Summe (senior):

Paige is always at school events, front and center, loudly cheering her fellow Pandas on! She leads the school as co-president fearlessly and energetically and is well-liked and well-respected by her peers and faculty members alike. She always seems to rally the troops to make sure events are well-attended.



Art and Soul Award - Abby Price (junior):

Abby continues to be a leader in the realm of theatrical and musical talent at NDA. Not only does she shine on stage in various key and leading roles, she shines in the classroom and with her faith-filled spirit as well. She has performed in many shows at NDA and sings in our PandaTones choir. She performed in the Christmas concerts and delighted our students by leading us in a sing-along as well. We value Abby and her leadership both on stage and off stage.



Academic Excellence Award - Claire Coppage (senior):

Claire has challenged herself with AP and honors coursework and met the demanding coursework with a sincere desire to learn and understand. I am always amazed when I pop into Mr. Strickley's AP Physics 2 class to see a giant smile on Claire's face while she is approaching a problem, enthusiastic to derive an expression for the force exerted on a block by a string while investigating electromagnetic wave phenomena.

JOIN US MARCH 9TH FROM 9-12 FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FEMINISM

In Our
Girl Up
Era!

SPREAD THE WORD GIRL UP DAY

Come to NDA for the annual Girl Up Day! We invite young people grades 4-8 to join us for a day of fun activities, from making bracelets to scavenger hunt puzzles. The day focuses on confidence, leadership, and teamwork, as well as getting familiar with their community. Part of the global Girl Up mission of women's empowerment, we hope you join us on March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) for learning and lasting friendships.

REGISTRATION LINK

EMAIL KNDPAZ@NDAPANDAS.ORG OR SCHEMERS@NDAPANDAS.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



THEATRE STUDENTS CONTINUE NDA TRADITION! ZOO FIELD TRIP

Theatre students attended a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo last Thursday to start a collegiate level acting and design project for Miss Smith's Intro Theatre and Honors Theatre class. While at the zoo each student had to observe an animal of their choice for at least 45 minutes and take notes on every movement and activity of the animal.

Following the field trip, students will explore not only the movements and behavior of the actual animals in class but also create a human character inspired by their animal and its characteristics. Students will create a name, personality and backstory for their character including designing and presenting a costume rendering and set design. Finally, students will have an improvisation performance in class where all of the animal inspired characters interact, play party games, and even share snacks that their character (or animal) would eat.



This is the 3rd annual trip theatre students have made to the zoo, and we're excited to continue this as an NDA tradition!



PLEASE NOTE!
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PLEASE NOTE ATTENDANCE EMAIL

If your daughter is going to be late, out for the day or if she is leaving early, please contact the office through is attendance@ndapandas.org or call the main phone line 859-261-4300.

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
PLEASE READ**

DEADLINE REMINDER SERVICE INFORMATION

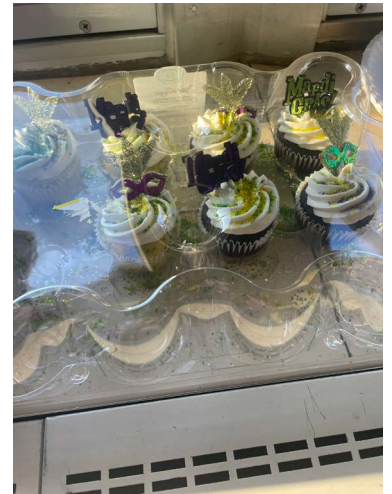
Service work for all Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors is due on March 8. Specifics about the service requirements can be found [HERE](#). Upcoming opportunities and local agency information can be found linked to the student padlet each week.



GATEAU DU ROI

MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES

Madame Otto's French Club celebrated Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) last week with "gâteau du roi" (king cake) and Mardi Gras trivia.



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Panda Preview Night

March 19 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Attention 6th and 7th graders!

This is your chance to get a head start on the 8th grade! Learn about NDA life and how to get ready for high school.

Attention 8th graders!

Come and take another look at all that Notre Dame Academy has to offer!

Reservations are required for this event.

You can register by scanning this QR code to the right:
(Deadline: March 15)



1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011 | 859.292.1829 | www.ndapandas.org

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GO PANDAS!

HELLO SPORTS FANS

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Archery -

Congratulations to the Panda Archers who shot last Saturday at the Camp Ernst Tournament. Due to the cancellation of the tournament on Friday, only 13 Panda Archers were able to compete last weekend. The team was led by Ava Boertlein at 275, Lea Youtsey at 261, Sarah Beckham at 261, Lucy Siegert at 256 and Clara Moore at 255. In addition Anna Barczak, Clara Moore and Lauren Pence each shot above both their season average and their season high score. Maya Collins and Bailey Russell each shot above their season average. Next up for the Pandas is this weekend at the Calvary Christian Academy Tournament. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!

NDA Volleyball Freshman Head Coach -

Looking for a dedicated coach with at least high school-level experience to join our staff for the 2024 volleyball season. The freshman volleyball team has practices and matches Monday-Thursday (Fridays at coaches' discretion) and there are 2 Saturday commitments with the farthest travel being in Louisville, KY and Ohio. The season begins in mid-July and ends in mid-October. All coaches must undergo KH-SAA and Diocese onboarding and training. If you are interested, please send in your letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org. go paNDAS!

NDA Volleyball Freshman Assistant Coach -

Looking for a dedicated coach to assist in developing our younger student-athletes for the 2024 season. High school-level experience is preferred. The freshman volleyball team has practices and matches Monday-Thursday (Fridays at coaches' discretion) and there are 2 Saturday commitments with the farthest travel being in Louisville, KY and Ohio. The season begins in mid-July and ends in mid-October. All coaches must undergo KHSA and Diocese onboarding and training. If you are interested, please send in your letter of interest and resume to ndahr@ndapandas.org. go paNDAS!





Coach Cory Dan



WELCOME COACH CORY DAN

CHANGE IN SOCCER COACHING STAFF AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy is thrilled to announce the appointment of Cory Dan as the new Head Coach of the soccer program, effective immediately. Coach Dan brings over 30 years of experience and a deep passion for the game to his new role, promising an exciting new chapter for the NDA soccer team.

Coach Dan expressed his gratitude, stating, "I am beyond grateful to be named the Head Coach here at Notre Dame Academy. I've spent the last 30+ years immersed in the game as a player, referee, spectator, administrator and coach. Now, we begin a new chapter here at NDA."

Having served as an Assistant Coach for Notre Dame Academy in 2023, as well as coaching stints with Kings Hammer, Tennessee Soccer Club, and Cincinnati United, Coach Dan brings a wealth of coaching experience to his new position. His dedication to player development and creating a positive team environment aligns perfectly with NDA's commitment to excellence both on and off the field.

In addition to Coach Dan's appointment, Brian Woeste, formerly the Head Coach, will continue to contribute his expertise as Assistant Coach. NDA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Coach Woeste for his dedication and leadership as the Head Varsity Coach last season. We are grateful for his commitment to the development and success of our student-athletes! Coach Woeste's experience and insights will provide invaluable support to Coach Dan and the team as they embark on a new season.

Looking ahead to the upcoming seasons, Coach Dan stated, "The staff and I are excited as we prepare for the seasons ahead. There is a lot for me to learn about the High School game, but my main goal is to create an environment where the staff and players can develop together to help us successfully accomplish our goals. #PTS."

Coach Dan's coaching credentials include a USSF National "C" License, USSF Grassroots certifications in 4v4, 7v7, 9v9, and 11v11 formats, United Soccer Coaches GK1 & GK2 certifications, a Coerver Performance Academy Diploma, and a US Futsal Grassroots Level 1 certification. His extensive playing experience with the UC Men's Club Soccer team further enhances his understanding of the game.

Notre Dame Academy is excited to welcome Cory Dan as the new Head Coach and looks forward to a successful and rewarding partnership on the field.



Coach Brian Woeste

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



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.

DRUGS ON THE BRAIN WITH MRS. STANLEY



Rihanna Anti Deluxe Album Cover

STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND STAFF PLEASE COME TO
LEARN ABOUT HOW DRUGS EFFECT YOUR BRAIN

**MARCH 13 AT 8AM
ALUMNAE HALL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

IMPORTANT PRESENTATION

HOW DRUGS AFFECT YOUR BRAIN

Drug Free Club is offering this excellent presentation to anyone in our community (students, Parents, faculty, staff) who would like to attend!

A Special Education Program Designed for Youth and their Families

Family Education Day Depression/Anxiety

In collaboration with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, join 1N5 and MindPeace for the second annual education day for adolescents and young adults living with depression/anxiety and their caregivers. During this event, experts will present on a range of topics relevant to adolescents and young adults. This program will also include Q & A expert panels, a session just for teens and a session for young adults.

Graduate Hotel
151 Goodman Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219

Sunday Feb 25th, 2024
9:00AM-4:00PM

Breakfast, Lunch, Keynote Speaker, Breakout Sessions, Information Fair,
Networking, Q&A Panels, and more!

Keynote Speaker Sessions

- Depression and Anxiety: How They Co-Exist and Treatment Approaches
- Genetic Pharmacology and Treatment of Chronic Depression
- The Whole-Person Approach to Depression Treatment
- Latest Treatments for Resistant Depression
- Depression and the Role of the Family in Treatment
- Managing Your Care



*This Program is \$10/person (includes breakfast and lunch)
Scholarships based on financial need are available — please contact
Nancy Eigel-Miller at nancy_miller@1n5.org

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TO REGISTER



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FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES FAMILY EDUCATION DAY

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Sunday, February 25, 2024 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Graduate Hotel, 151 Goodman Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219

You can register [HERE](#).



COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL
Achieve here. Excel here. Belong here.

Spring COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024

🕒 5:30PM - 7:30PM

📍 Covington Latin School
courtyard & cafeteria

All Diocese of
Covington High School
Students Welcome

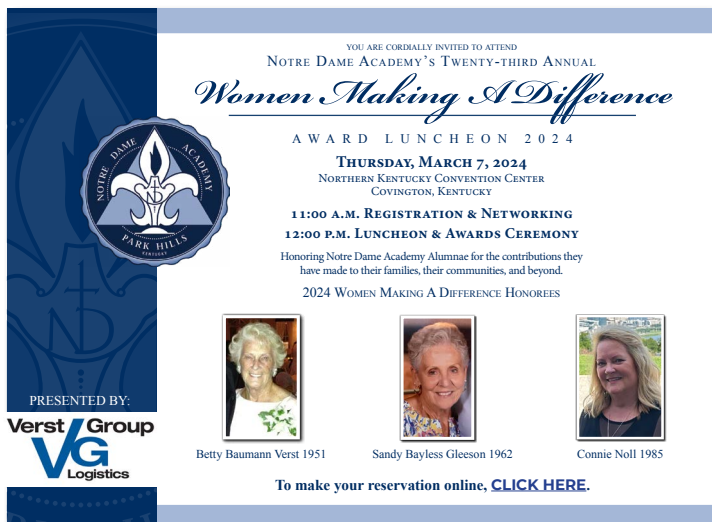
Grades
9 - 12

See a list of who will be in attendance.
Learn about programs & scholarships.
Contact: ashley.pinnell@covingtonlatin.org

COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

Covington Latin School is hosting a College and Career Fair on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

ADVANCING THE MISSION



RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY YOU'RE INVITED

Three distinguished alumnae from Notre Dame Academy will be celebrated at the annual Women Making a Difference Recognition Award Luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024. The honorees for this year's event are Betty Baumann Verst (Class of 1951), Sandra Bayless Gleeson (Class of 1962), and Connie Noll (Class of 1985).

Now in its twenty-third year, the Women Making a Difference award program acknowledges the remarkable contributions of Notre Dame Academy alumnae to their families and communities through service, professional achievements, and philanthropic endeavors. It is a tribute to these

women for embodying NDA's proud legacy and their continued impact on the world. Additionally, the luncheon plays a vital role in raising funds for tuition assistance at Notre Dame Academy.

The ceremony will take place at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, commencing with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The Women Making A Difference luncheon warmly welcomes all alumnae, corporate representatives, parents, and friends of Notre Dame Academy.

Ticket information and sponsorship opportunities can be found [HERE](#). For more information, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley '95 at mosleyL@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1852.



JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - BE A PART OF THE FUN! GEARING UP FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

NDA's 26th annual golf outing will be taking place on Friday, June 7 which means we are getting a planning committee together now!

Joining the planning committee is a great way to get involved at NDA, meet other parents, and we just have a lot of fun! We will meet once in January, February, March, April, May and then twice in June leading up to the event. You do not have to attend the outing to help plan!

Sign up for the planning committee [HERE](#)! If you have any questions, email Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org.



SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- Sisters of Strength
- Ladies Lenten Brunch
- Ladies Lenten Retreat
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

February 23	Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!
February 26-28	Senior Retreat #3
March 7	Career Day
	Women Making a Difference Luncheon
March 8	End of Third Quarter
March 9	8th Grade Conferences
March 12	Super Day - Freshman/Soph. Cert test, Junior - ACT, Senior Mission Retreat Sophomore- Ring Ceremony
March 13	National Latin Exams
March 16	8th Grade Conference
March 19	Panda Preview Night
March 22	Prom
March 28	Holy Thursday - NO SCHOOL
March 29	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 1 - 5	Spring Break