



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

March 6, 2024

THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents,

Radiating God's Goodness is not only our theme for this school year, but it is also at the core of our education at NDA. Based on the first Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, *The Centrality of a Good and Provident God*, our theme is paramount to our mission at Notre Dame Academy. We aim to graduate young women who will use their education and God-given gifts to make a difference in the world.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating three of our alumnae who are living the mission of NDA at our annual Women Making a Difference Luncheon. Our students will have an opportunity to learn a bit more about each of these honorees at school before our Career Fair. You can read more about these amazing women [HERE](#). **Please note that students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.**

One of the reasons I love Notre Dame Academy is because it is a community embedded in this SND tradition, where we experience God's goodness and provident care each and every day. As you will see in the many stories below, our students have certainly been using their God-given gifts to make a difference in the world. They have been working and playing hard and achieving much success. Our community is very proud of all of their recent accomplishments.

Also, please note the important financial information listed below. Applications for Financial Aid and Work Study are due April 15. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted.

It is important for us to remember that Lent is a special time offering each of us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the God who loves us. It is our chance to take time out of our busy schedules to reflect on our lives and reach out to those in need. May this Lent be a special time of renewal of our faith!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Have a great day and make good choices!

Student Life

Cincinnati Enquirer:

Student of the Week



NEW ADDITION

THE ENQUIRER STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Vote for our Student of the Week - This is a weekly highlight through the Cincinnati Enquirer. Be sure to vote from your phone and vote every hour until Friday at 4. Let's get our deserving students recognized!

Academic Excellence

Clara Heberling, Notre Dame Academy - As a senior she is taking 3 AP classes, a dual credit Engineering class and other challenging classes. Every year in the National Spanish Exam, she has won a medal for her performance. She has previously placed in top positions in the state for Mock Trial. This weekend she will compete again on the state level. She spearheads our Creative Writing Club and has won multiple awards in The Scholastic Writing Contest (in Critical and Personal Essay). She also has time to tutor another student in Spanish, runs cross country and participates in our theater program. She does well in multiple areas of interest.

Art and Soul Award

Jasmine Barczak, Notre Dame Academy - Jasmine is a talented artist who boldly and creatively expresses herself through her artwork and is always willing to proudly display her work in school and community shows. In addition to being a gifted artist, Jasmine took a healthy risk by sharing her gift and talent of singing with the student body for the first time at our Panda's Got Talent Show. I'm sure that our students were moved and inspired by her voice because I know I was!

Spirit Award

Claire Coppage, Notre Dame Academy - Claire serves as our Student Council School Treasurer. Through this position, she is given many opportunities to be in front of the school. At every one of them, she is smiling, spirited, enthusiastic, and cheerful. You can also tell from her daily interactions that she loves NDA and embodies the ideals and mission of our school. She is kindhearted, outgoing, and responsible which makes her an amazing leader in our student body. She has a positive spirit and is always willing to share that with others.

This is similar to the Player/Athlete of the Week so vote from your phones and vote every hour until 4 on Friday.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

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



THE FUN CONTINUES!

AFTER PROM 2024

After Prom 2024 is on Friday, March 22 immediately following Prom and will be held at Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center from 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. NDA After Prom at NKU will be a fun filled evening for juniors and seniors and their guests! After Prom admission was included with the Prom Tickets. The NKU REC CENTER will have lots to do, including the pool, hot tub, diving boards, pool deck movie, racquetball courts, dry land rock climbing wall, basketball court, volleyball court, locker rooms, cool hang out areas and more. NDA After Prom will have lots of delicious late night food favorites as well. We hope to also allow the students to have chances to win cool prizes... !

PRIZES We are asking for parents' help with gift items for AFTER PROM to make the evening more fun and exciting for the students. You can donate any desirable items that you may not need, themed gift baskets, or gift cards. All donations can be dropped off at the school office attention Lisa Timmerding by March 20.

VOLUNTEERS & FOOD DONATIONS Parents please consider signing up to give a couple of hours of your time, food donations or gift cards for prizes. If you are interested in providing support through volunteering, please contact Mrs. Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org.



ELECTION RESULTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newly elected School Officers for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to everyone who ran and voted for these positions.

School Co-Presidents
Kate Harris and Maya Lawrie

Treasurer
Kate Laws

Secretary
Cameron Kirtley

Public Relations Coordinator
Ciara Carroll



Notre Dame Academy has
for everyone this summer!

Check out all of the summer opportunities available at

www.ndapandas.org

LET'S GO CAMPERS!

SUMMER CAMPS AT NDA

NDA offers several summer enrichment programs. Whether you are a computer wizard, budding artist, a musician, a theatre buff, an athlete, a STEM student or you are just looking for something fun to do this summer, Notre Dame Academy has all sorts of opportunities for you! You can find them all [HERE](#).

"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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: Fourth quarter is just around the corner which means graduation is nearing! Mark your calendars for the following dates -

- May 6 - 17 - AP Exams (specific schedule to come soon)
- May 14 - Academic Signing @ 3:30 p.m. - Gym
- May 15 - Senior Pancakes - Theatre Lot (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 17 and May 20 - Senior Exams
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 23 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 23 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 24 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 24 - Graduation at Northern Kentucky Convention Center @ 4:00 p.m. (ticket amount TBD)



A more detailed letter will be sent in the coming weeks, but we wanted to get these dates to you as soon as possible. You won't want to miss a thing! Seniors will gather during homeroom also in the coming weeks to learn a bit more about graduation.



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.



DELICIOUS NEWS

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

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



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](#)

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE!



The SOUND of MUSIC

SPRING MUSICAL SOUND OF MUSIC

NDA/CCH Theatre Department Presents

The Sound of Music

Music by Richard Rodgers

Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse

Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

Music and Lyrics for "Something Good" by Richard Rodgers

TICKETS available SOON- starting March 8!

Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m.

The Sound of Music is a beloved show around the world. Based on the true story of the Von Trapp Family Singers, this musical captures a personal tale of growth and hope amidst the horrors of World War II. The Sound of Music tells the tale of young postulant Maria Rainer, whose free spirit has trouble fitting into the rules and regulations of Nonnberg Abbey. Commissioned by the Mother Abbess to serve as the governess for seven motherless children, Maria transforms the Von Trapp family home from a place of dour rules and regulations to one filled with joy, with laughter, and with music. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision.

DEADLINES COMING UP SOON

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2023

Financial Aid Applications & Academic and Tuition Assistance Scholarships

The application for work study jobs is available on the website [HERE](#) and is due by April 15, 2024. When you click on the link, you will be prompted to download your own copy of the form to complete. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Financial aid applications are also now open and will remain open until April 15, 2024.

If you are in need of financial assistance, the application with FACTS must be completed before anything else. Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted. You can access the Financial Assistance page of the website [HERE](#).

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to have a work study job. Any family can participate in the Work Study Program without receiving additional financial aid this school year.

We are currently accepting applications for Academic Scholarships. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due in the front office no later than April 15, 2024.

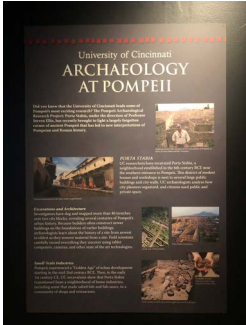




EXPLORING POMPEII

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AT THE CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER

The Latin classes went to the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal recently to see the visiting Pompeii Exhibit. Half of the students went on Friday, March 1, and the other half went on Monday, March 4. The students spent the morning touring the extensive exhibit, learning more about the 79AD eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which famously buried, and preserved, the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in Italy. They experienced a 4D reenactment of the stages of the eruption and its aftermath, and examined up close countless artifacts uncovered at Pompeii, all over 2,000 years old, including several items that had never left Italy before coming with this exhibit.



The range of artifacts at the exhibit included statues big and small, vivid wall paintings, mosaics, earrings and jewelry, gardening tools, fishing hooks and anchors, pots and pans, medical tools, candles, candelabras, and other various forms of household decor, cups, bowls, glassware, dried up paint still in containers, miniature household statues of gods (called lares), a mosaic table, gladiator helmets and weapons, theatre masks, coins, several body casts of those deceased at Pompeii from the eruption, and much more. Students also had the chance to try out a VR experience at the end that allowed them to virtually “fly” above the ruins of Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius.



This exhibit also featured the University of Cincinnati’s Classics Program at several points, as the Classics Department is home to Dr. Steven Ellis, one of the world’s leading Pompeii archaeologists, and a team of graduate students in Roman Archaeology who conduct digs at Pompeii each summer. The last time any exhibit on Pompeii traveled to Cincinnati was in 2011, so this local opportunity was a big treat for us all! It was a great chance for the students to experience life in Pompeii up close and how the ancient Romans lived and shaped our lives today.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

PANDA TAKES SECOND PLACE IN WRITING CONTEST

Congratulations to Grace Portwood who won Second Place in the with her piece “Focused on Infinity” in the East Fork High School Writing Contest.

CONGRATS!

SPANISH SKILLS AT WORK

SOME NEWS FROM THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT...

This past weekend several students from our Thomas More University Dual Credit Spanish and AP Spanish Literature classes translated and interpreted for a local health fair given by Cristo Rey. Students translated important information about nutrition and women's health for booths for St. Elizabeth. Ms. Marlene Feagan, Health Ministries Coordinator from St. Elizabeth, commented that our students were "magnificent" and a "HUGE" help! It is wonderful to see our students using their Spanish skills through real life volunteering opportunities in the health field. (To the left is a picture of the booth where all the documents shown were translated by our NDA students: Chanduni Herath, Sophia Santos, Lucy Bailey and Sophia Ernst. Also special thanks to Mary Weber and Mary Wall for interpreting for women's health.)



Spanish 2 Honors students are presenting this week about different cultural celebrations throughout the Spanish speaking world. Students are taking turns being the teacher and educating their peers about traditions, as well as leading the class through culturally relevant projects, such as making headpieces that are inspired by those worn during Carnival in Bolivia.



Rolling Into Action:

NDA BIKE DRIVE

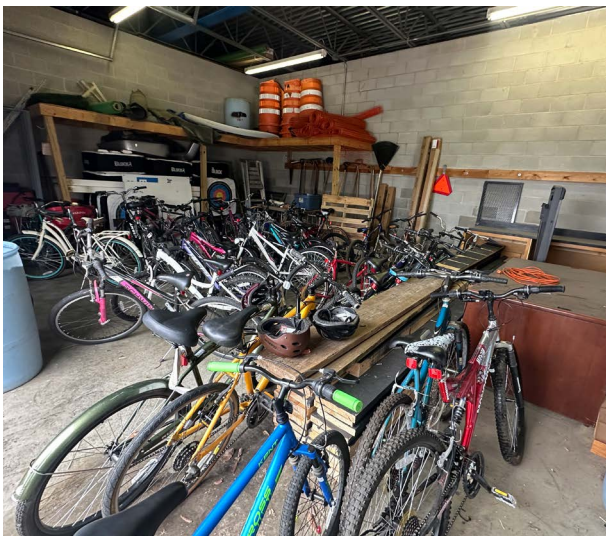
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PANDAS ROLL INTO ACTION

Thanks to everyone who embraced the spirit of generosity and participated in the NDA Bike Drive over the past few weeks. Through your support, our Pandas rallied together and collected an impressive total of 55 bicycles, destined for Catholic Charities' Pickett's Corner Ministry. Your contributions will undoubtedly have a meaningful impact, providing transportation to individuals in need within our community.

Kudos to NDA junior, Josie Bozeman, led the charge on this project. Josie's dedication not only exemplifies the spirit of giving but also offered a unique opportunity for our students to engage in acts of charity during the Lenten season.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the NDA Bike Drive. Your generosity and compassion truly embody the core values of Notre Dame Academy.



MOCK TRIAL

Season Recap

January 13, 2024

UK INVITATIONAL

This was a great start to the season! Senior Mia Kent received an Outstanding Attorney Awards and Senior Clara Heberling received an Outstanding Witness Award.



January 27-28, 2024

REGIONAL COMPETITION

The team placed 3rd in the Lexington Region winning a total of 9.5 ballots advancing to the State competition. The team Top Witness was awarded to Grace Van Hook and the team Top Attorney was awarded to Teagan Krueer.



March 1-3, 2024

STATE COMPETITION

What a weekend! The top 16 teams in the state go through 4 rounds of competition. Notre Dame Academy finished in 4th place in Kentucky!

A shout out to our seniors for their tremendous leadership and to CCH; it wouldn't be a competition if we didn't face you in trial. And, of course, a huge thank you to all our supporters – the parents, teachers who showed up to our practice or a tournament round, and to the coaches.



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

Track and Field -

Our Track and Field team had an outstanding day at the Inaugural Indoor State Championship on Saturday. Each of our Pandas performed exceptionally well, achieving season personal bests in their respective events on the most important day of the year. Notably, Brooke Hollenkamp set a lifetime best in Pole Vault, clearing 10'6"!

Overall, our team secured a top 20 finish out of 77 teams in Class AAA. Special congratulations are in order for our state medalists: the 4x800 relay team placed 6th (comprised of Alex Burg, Kelsey Weil, Kate Blettner, and Cameron Kirtley), Julia Meyers placed 7th in Shot Put, Callie Fedders placed 7th and Ava Erpenbeck placed 8th in High Jump, and Brooke Hollenkamp secured 7th place in Pole Vault. The team is now primed and ready for the Outdoor season with their first Meet on March 21! Go Pandas!





Archery -

Congratulations to the Archery Pandas who qualified to compete in the 2024 Kentucky NASP State Tournament by shooting a season high score of 3081 which included 144 tens at the Boone County Tournament this past weekend. The Pandas were led by Ava Boertein at 273, Sarah Beckham at 271, Clara Moore at 267, Lea Youtsey at 265 and Reagan Carman at 259. 21 Pandas bested their season average: Katie Ahern, Megan Ahern, Anna Barczak, Sarah Beckham, Savannah Bien, Marisa Bloemer, Reagan Carman, Maya Collins, Aran Henderson, Emma Lange, Caitlin Minning, Clara Moore, Ivy Mullins, Lauren Pence, Audrey Rose, Bailey Russell, Lucy Siegert, Jade Wachs, Kathryn Weber, Laney Wolfe and Mack Zemter. 5 ladies also beat their season high score: Anna Barczak, Marisa Bloemer, Aran Henderson, Clara Moore and Lauren Pence. Next up for the Pandas is this Saturday at Dixie. ARCHERY PANDAS ROCK!

Tennis -

The Varsity Tennis Pandas have been practicing hard over the last couple of weeks in preparation for the start of the season. On Monday, they had their first scrimmage against Dixie and won all of their matches. Here are some results:

1st singles - Sam Spellman won 6-0 6-3

2nd singles - Clare Shay won 6-0 6-0

3rd singles - Lucy Bailey won 6-0 6-0

1st doubles - Grace Summe and Kate Harris won 6-1 6-0

2nd doubles - Lila Harris and Bella McElwee won 6-0 6-2

3rd doubles - Kaylin Lovell and Lil Berling won 6-1 6-0

exhibition doubles - Lucy Bailey and Malia Christensen won 6-0

The Varsity and JV Tennis Pandas take on Highlands on Wednesday at Tower Park. Good luck Tennis Pandas!



Basketball -

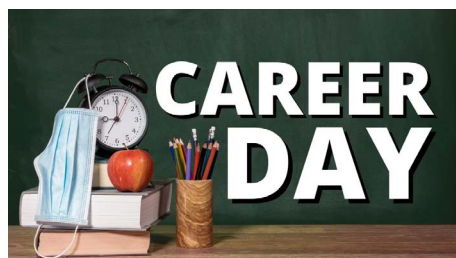
The Varsity girls basketball team ended the 2023-2024 season with a final record of 21-10. Although Senior, Kendra Collins graduates, an experienced roster returns next season. The Junior Varsity, Champions of the 2024 JV Regional Tournament, finished with a record of 16-2, while the Freshman team ended their season with 14 wins & 3 losses.



Lacrosse -

Lacrosse opened their season Saturday March 2nd at home with a big win over Woodford County, 19-5 to start the varsity season 1-0. JV season will kickoff this Thursday with a home double header vs Henry Clay.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



EXPLORING OPTIONS CAREER DAY

Our Career Day will be this Thursday for all of the students. We have over 30 presenters who will be here to talk to our students. **The students will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. after the presentations.**



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.



SUPER DAY ACT AND CERT TESTING

All of the juniors will be taking an ACT next Tuesday, March 12. They will dismiss around 12:30 p.m. that day after the test. They will only need a snack, a calculator and #2 pencils. The freshmen and sophomores will be taking a practice ACT called the CERT test on their iPads. This will be the second CERT test for the school year. Students will need charged iPads and to pack their lunches. Sophomores will have their ring ceremony after lunch that day and freshmen will have some enrichment programs. We will dismiss sophomores and freshmen at 1 p.m.

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!



Congressman Thomas Massie
4th District of Kentucky

Proudly hosts

U.S. Service Academy Day

Saturday, April 20, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am – Registration / Academy
Representative displays
11:00am – 12:30pm – Program

Cincinnati Airport Marriott
2395 Progress Dr, Hebron, KY 41048

U.S. Service Academy Representatives will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions

West Point



Coast Guard



Navy



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Learn about the outstanding educational and leadership opportunities

For more information or to pre-register visit:
<https://massie.house.gov/services/us-service-academy-nominations>

Or contact Congressman Massie's NKY District office: 859-426-0080

OPPORTUNITIES IN LEADERSHIP

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Congressman Massie's 2023 U.S. Service Academy Day date will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, KY 41048. Registration is from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM. The program runs from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

ADVANCING THE MISSION



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World



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

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)



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](#).

- Learning to Trust in God, while Living a Life of Suffering
- Sisters of Strength
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

Important dates

March 7	Career Fair - DISMISSAL 11:00 a.m. Women Making a Difference Luncheon
March 8	Mass in the Chapel at 7:20 a.m. - All are welcome! End of Third Quarter
March 9	8th Grade Conferences Girl Up Event
March 12	Super Day - Freshman/Soph. Cert test, Junior - ACT, Senior Mission Retreat Sophomore- Ring Ceremony
March 15	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
April 8	School Resumes
April 11	Athletic Signing
April 19	Food Truck Day
April 19-21	Spring Musical - The Sound of Music
April 22	Grade Level President Elections
April 28	Orange and White Flag Football Game