



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying the signs of spring as we continue our journey through Lent, a season of reflection, renewal, and spiritual growth. This time calls us to deepen our faith, serve others, and embrace the mission of Notre Dame Academy in all that we do.

This past week, our seniors participated in their Mission Retreat, an opportunity to step away from their daily routines and reflect on their time at NDA. Through prayer, discussion, and shared experiences, they considered how they have lived out NDA's mission and how they will carry it forward beyond graduation.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our Sophomore Class during their Ring Ceremony, a meaningful tradition symbolizing their journey at NDA. At this annual event, each student was reminded of the deep connection they share as part of our sisterhood. Father Kunath offered Mass and a special blessing over the rings and medals, reinforcing the importance of faith and unity in their high school experience.

Last week, we also gathered for our Women Making a Difference Luncheon, honoring alumnae and supporters whose lives reflect the values instilled at NDA. Their stories of leadership, service, and faith serve as powerful examples for our students, showing them how the foundation they build here can lead to a life of meaningful impact.

At NDA, our traditions are more than just events—they are moments that strengthen our bonds as a community and remind us of the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our mission. As we journey through Lent together, may we all find ways to reflect, grow, and live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY



SENIOR MISSION RETREAT

SENIORS REFLECT, GROW, AND PREPARE FOR THEIR NEXT CHAPTER

Yesterday, our seniors stepped away from the classroom to engage in a time of reflection and faith during their Senior Mission Retreat. This special retreat provided them with an opportunity to deepen their spiritual growth, strengthen their bonds with one another, and reflect on the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

As they looked back on their four years at NDA, our seniors considered how they have embraced NDA's mission and explored ways to carry that same mission forward in their lives beyond graduation.

Please continue to keep our seniors in your prayers as they process this transformative experience, living out the Gospel and the values of Notre Dame Academy.



PRAYER AND REFLECTION

UPCOMING LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fr. Kunath will be out of town March 17-21 so we will not have any masses next week.

A decade of the Rosary will be prayed each morning at 7:45 a.m. next week.

Lenten Reconciliation Services during Religion classes will begin the week of March 24.



MARCH 31

SERVICE HOURS DEADLINE

Freshmen and Sophomores are reminded that their service hours are due on Monday, March 31. All hours must be logged into MobileServe and verified by the agency by that date. You can find the list of requirements [here](#).



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

CELEBRATING FAITH AND FAMILY

Thank you to all who attended our Father/Daughter Mass on Friday, March 7. It was a great way to prepare the Father/Daughter event the next evening.

Student Life

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DISMISSAL CHANGES

MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28

On March 27 and March 28, our teachers will be engaged in some important professional development. They will continue working on the curriculum work that has been an ongoing collaborative and powerful process so far. They are dedicated to enriching and enhancing the curriculum at NDA through this process. The students will follow a shortened schedule to allow for this time.

On March 27, the students will go to half of their classes, have a normal lunch, and then participate in two separate sessions. In one session they will listen to a presentation regarding grit and evaluate their own level of grit. In another session, they will hear from the Department of Homeland Security through a program called Know 2 Protect - an online safety program for teens. This presentation will address protecting personal information, setting up privacy settings, characteristics of online predators, sexting and permanency of online data, among other topics. A letter for parents is attached [here](#). More information can be found [here](#). All students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

On March 28, students will go to the remaining half of their classes and then do the following:

Juniors and Seniors: Watch the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's performance of MacBeth. Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. (no lunch served).

Freshmen and Sophomores: Go to lunch as usual, then have some time to work with YouScience (a program that offers career guidance for students using their aptitudes) and some self care activities. Their day will conclude with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's performance of Romeo and Juliet. Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

THE ANNUAL ORANGE AND WHITE GAME

As has been the tradition for six years, the students of St. Ursula and Notre Dame Academy are honored to participate in the Orange and White Flag Football Game on Sunday, April 27 at 4:00. This event will be held at St. Ursula this year. This has been a philanthropic partnership between the two schools to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research through Children's Hospital. The Bradley family is deeply connected to St. Ursula and they lost their daughter Natalie in 2009 to cancer. During the week prior to spring break, we will have Mrs. Bradley speak to the girls about the importance of this worthy cause. We will celebrate our students who are participating in the game and encourage the students to attend and show their school spirit for such an important cause. It is a fun event at NDA and all are encouraged to attend and show their support for childhood cancer research. The link for tickets, t-shirts, and the bundle, can be found [here](#). Orders are due by Wednesday, March 26.





FATHER DAUGHTER 2025: BOOTS AND BEAUTIES

On Saturday March 8 dads and daughters enjoyed a night of dinner, refreshments, dancin, boot scootin, and fun. "Boots and Beauties" was held at The Gardens of Park Hills from 7 to 10:30. A line dancing instructor taught willing dads and daughters how to two step to Shania Twain and other country singers. A dance contest brought out some old school moves from the dads and some fancy footwork. Each grade level competed for a prize and the crowd helped to judge who had the best moves. It was quite impressive!!! It was a night of fun, fellowship, and bonding between dads and daughters. We are very appreciative of the moms who helped to execute such a fun event: Julie Resing, Stephanie Lawrie, Martha Maier, Laura Mauller. Thank you also to those who donated items or helped to decorate and clean up. We greatly appreciate your efforts and enthusiasm to provide these memorable moments for our students.

VOTE!
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TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote [here!](#) Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Indoor Track – In the Class 3A state meet, Notre Dame Academy finished in sixth with 28 points scored.

Maya Lawrie – The senior was the catalyst in the Pandas' Ninth Region semifinal win over Highlands, scoring 14 points, grabbing four rebounds and blocking two shots.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!

MARCH 17

NDA SCHOOL OFFICER ELECTIONS

NDA will hold elections for the 2025-2026 School Officers next Monday, March 17. Candidate speeches will take place during homeroom, and election results will be announced on Tuesday, March 18, at the end of the school day. Best of luck to all candidates!

Candidates

School Co-Presidents:

Lila Harris
Sophie Hollenkamp
Teagan Kruer
Ella Nienaber

Secretary:

Lily Deters
Erin Piatt

Congratulations to our newly elected Treasurer, Jane Schuh, and Public Relations Representative, Ryan Scheiner!



Sophomore Class Ring Ceremony

UNITING THE CLASS OF 2027

THE SOPHOMORE RING CEREMONY

On Tuesday, March 11, the Sophomore Class was honored during a ring ceremony. Many students brought in rings of their choice to be blessed and given to them that day. Some students purchased official class rings from our vendor Herff Jones. Many students were united by receiving a NDA Crested Medal. Regardless of what they received, the message of sisterhood, growth, and celebration united them all. Father Kunath held mass for them.... He prayed and blessed their rings and medals and students were called to receive theirs from Mr. VonHandorf. It was a great day to celebrate their journey at NDA and what is to come as they continue through their high school careers.

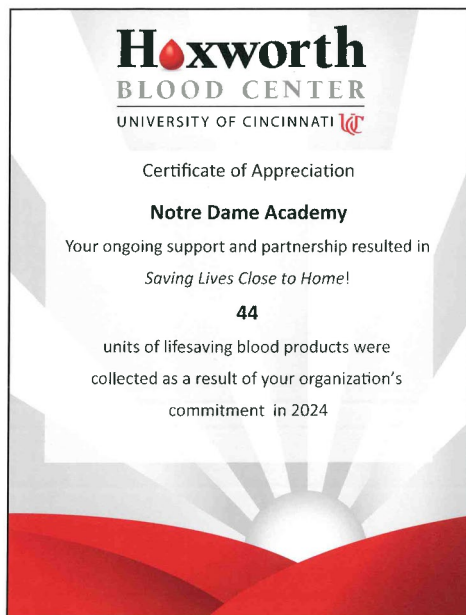


SERVICE FAIR

LIVING OUT THE NDA MISSION

On Thursday March 6, our students were able to hear about the incredible awardees for this year's Women Making a Difference Luncheon. In addition to viewing the videos highlighting the many accomplishments of the awardees, students were also able to hear from various service agencies and work on acts of kindness. The Service Fair is organized by Mrs. Price to encourage students to reach out to various agencies and share their gifts and talents. In addition, to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we are challenging our students to complete 175 acts of kindness. This challenge began on the perfect day; the day we celebrate alumni who are making a difference in the world. The keynote speaker was Mother Seraphina from the Rose Garden Home Mission. She spoke to the students about the importance of their mission, about trusting in God's love and provident care, and about upholding the dignity of all humankind. She was a dynamic speaker and even shared a bit about her journey to become a Franciscan Daughter of Mary. It was a great start to an amazing day for our students.





GREAT RESULTS! MARCH BLOOD DRIVE

Notre Dame Academy's commitment to service was on full display during our March Blood Drive. Thanks to the generosity of our students, faculty, and staff, our donations will help 48 patients in the Cincinnati area.

Here are the results from our recent drive:

- 19 donors registered
- 16 whole blood products collected
- 8 first-time Hoxworth donors

In addition to these outstanding contributions, we are proud to share a certificate highlighting the total number of donations collected through NDA in 2024. Thank you to all who participated and helped make a life-saving impact!



Important Dates for 2025-26!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2025-26 CALENDAR NEWS

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

2025 - 2026 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Week of July 28 -	iPad Orientation for Incoming Freshmen
August 4 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 5 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 6 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 7 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 7 (evening) -	Parent Information Night (all grade levels)
August 8 (9-12:00) -	Freshmen Orientation
August 12	First Day of School
January 5	School Resumes (after Christmas)
April 13	School Resumes (after Spring Break)
May 22	Last Day of School
May 22	Graduation

No School Dates 2025-2026

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August 15	Feast of Assumption
September 1	Labor Day
October 9	PD Day - PD for Faculty
October 10	PD Day
November 26	PD Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 22	Christmas Break
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 16	Presidents' Day
March 13	PD Day
April 2 - April 12	Easter Break

IMPORTANT DATES 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 5 - 16 - AP Exams (specific schedule to come soon)
- May 8 - Academic Signing @ 4:15 p.m. - Theatre
- May 7 OR 9 - Senior Pancakes - Theatre Lot (students only)
- May 14 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 14 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 15 and May 16 - Senior Exams
- May 21 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 22 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 23 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 23 - 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.

SENIOR GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Senior year is full of unforgettable moments, and there's a fantastic lineup of events coming up for the Class of 2024-25! From special dances to graduation ceremonies, there's something for every senior to look forward to. Check out the full list of events and details on our website at the Senior Grade Level Information Page [HERE](#).

TWO MORE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

WELCOME GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS NEXT FALL!

NDA is looking for TWO more host families for our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) from October 11, 2025 to December 13, 2025. These students speak English very well and are screened thoroughly by their school. There is also a stipend available to help cover expenses. These students only expect to see average American student life and nothing extravagant. Please call or email Sammie Bezold at 859-292-1884/bezolds@ndapandas.org if you would be interested in more information about this exciting opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment.

Attention
Class of 2025!



Summer Hosting Program

June 29 - July 19

LIVE & LEARN



HOST A STUDENT FROM SPAIN

A SUMMER OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE!

We are looking for host families for young ladies from Spain who would like to experience the US culture and practice their English. Your commitment can be for one month or for 1 or 2 weeks. The young lady would just do what your family does and enjoy part of the summer here. We have used Live and Learn for several years and the agency prides itself on matching families well with their guest's interests and personality.

What a wonderful way to encourage your daughter in her pursuit of Spanish! And how enriching for the family. Here is what Rachel Rovito, one of seniors who hosted two summers ago has to say about her experience:

"Having Laura stay with us was an amazing experience. We both learned so much from each other. She explained to me what life was like in Spain, and I got to show her what life is like in America. Through Live and Learn we were able to participate in many activities (that they provided), such as baseball games, soccer games, kayaking and so much more. I still keep in contact with Laura and we continue to learn from each other even miles apart. Laura has truly made such an impact on my family and I'm so grateful for the live and learn program"

And Panda Parents, here is what her parents say:

(Chuck Rovito): "I would highly recommend Live and Learn. The experience was fantastic for a first time hosting family. They walked us through every step, from application to day of arrival. Our exchange student Laura was so sweet and was great to watch her experience family life in America. She was a perfect fit for our family. My daughter and Laura continue to stay in touch years later"



FUN & FREE ACTIVITIES

- Reds Game
- Group BBQ
- Kayaking
- King's Island
- Historical tours
- And more!



WHAT TO EXPECT

Hosting requires a welcoming environment, three meals a day, and an individual bed (they can share a room). Your traveler will join your summer filled with activities, sports, and vacations. They'll become another member of your family, joining in on the most common and most exciting parts of your family's summer!



LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP

Your family will be matched with a student from Spain by the age, gender, and interests of your host child. Our hope is to create a life-long connection, opening the doors to future travel and opportunities!



SHORT-TERM COMMITMENT

Students are here for one month. Families are able to host for 1-4 weeks, students can have up to two families while they are here.

(Maria Rovito): "We were very happy with Live and Learn and the process of matching with our student. The match was perfect! Laura was a very sweet girl and she and our daughter hit it off immediately. The program provided many activities for the girls and also for the whole family. It was a very rewarding experience and the memories will last a lifetime."

If you are interested, please contact Hermana (Sister Maria Francine) at stacymf@ndapandas.org.

SHOP, SPARKLE, AND SUPPORT:

JEWELRY SALE FOR A CAUSE!

Hey Pandas! Do you want a chance to shop for jewelry and win fun prizes all while raising funds for an amazing cause? NDA is partnering with the I Have Wings Foundation to bring a jewelry sale to Notre Dame Academy. IHW receives donated jewelry and sells it at different events throughout the year. All of the proceeds from these events go towards helping women with breast cancer and their families. All jewelry is sold for \$1, with Kendra Scott being \$5-10. Details of the sale are below. There will be chances to win prizes while also picking out prom jewelry, shopping for Mother's Day, or getting those final pieces of jewelry before spring break.



Dates: Wednesday March 19 and Thursday March 20
Times: Before and after school until
Location: Auditorium

Starting on Tuesday, March 18 there will also be the opportunity to win raffle baskets. We will be selling raffle tickets Tuesday-Thursday for only \$1 each.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact senior Maddie Jan-szen at janszenm25@ndapandas.org.



DELICIOUS NEWS!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day at our NDA cafeteria. You can find a menu price sheet as well as this week's lunch menu [HERE](#).

LIVE TRAINING DATES

VIRTUS

If you are new to Virtus and need to attend a live training, here are some opportunities:

Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, 1125 Madison Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

* Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 9:00AM - 11:30PM

* Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Remember: To be Virtus compliant, you must read and answer the accompanying question on the monthly bulletins. You should receive an email with a link the first week of each month.

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!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GO PANDAS!

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Archery - This week we saw a few individual accomplishments this weekend at the Dixie Cup with 2 career high scores and 2 more season high scores. Now we are on to the postseason! This week we will have 24 of our 27 archers who will be competing in the NASP Kentucky State tournament this Friday afternoon at 2:30 PM We wish them well as this is the first time they have competed in the KHSAA State Archery tournament!

Basketball - Basketball season came to an end in the final round of Region 9 Championship. They fell to Cooper High School 57 to 60. What a season to celebrate with a 22-8 record.

Lacrosse - The Lacrosse team. is off to a hot start! They have four wins so far: Great Crossing 19 - 2, Lexington Catholic 16 - 2, South Oldham 14 - 6, and North OldhamNorth Oldham 16 -1.

Softball - Softball's first game is 3/25 against Holmes High School.

Tennis - Tennis had their first match against Dixie where they were successful with the win. Their next match is March 18th at Cooper High School.

Track and Field - Track and field is busy practicing. Their first meet iw March 29th at Holmes High School

Flag Football is playing their Annual Orange and White game on April 27th. Additionally we will host 5 teams for flag football May 3rd beginning at 3:00.

Post Volleyball Opening

Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

Notre Dame Academy is looking for a Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2025-26 season. This position will oversee the program and report directly to the Athletic Director. Head Coaching experience at the high school level is desired. All coaches must go through KHSAA and Diocese onboarding and training once hired. Please send a letter of interest and resume to carlj@ndapandas.org. Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic all girls high school sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame.

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 27th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Notre Dame Academy is hosting a College Information Night for the next Panda Parent Club Meeting, available to all NDA and CCH parents. The event will include three different presentations with various topics such as career exploration, financing post secondary education, and college preparation. Jennie LaMothe and Lorraine O'Moore from Learning Grove will be presenting on how to support your student in exploring post secondary options and career planning. They will share the value of utilizing YouScience as a tool to support students and parents in the process. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on "College Affordability", the do's and don'ts of navigating the financial aid world, how to complete the FAFSA, and what it takes for students to earn merit-based scholarships. In collaboration with CCH, Jess Brown and Erin Stanley will be sharing school-specific information about the college application process, what to expect with timelines, deadlines, and how to create a balanced College List. Registration is not required and we hope to see you all there! Please reach out to Erin Stanley at stanleye@ndapandas.org with questions.



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.

2025 NAVIGO CAREER EXPLORATION SUMMER CAMPS

Rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in exploring career options can join one (or more!) of nine exciting camp programs this June. Participants will engage in hands-on activities alongside faculty and industry professionals, gaining valuable insights from NaviGo coaches on essential skills for success. **Thanks to the generous backing of our sponsors, participation is free, and lunch will be provided!**

GATEWAY CAREER CAMPS

WEEK ONE- June 2-4, 9am-1pm

Gateway Community & Technical College- 500 Technology Way, Florence, KY 41042

- Biological Sciences Career Camp (20 spots)
- Computerized Manufacturing & Machining Career Camp (15 spots)
- Entrepreneurship Camp (20 spots)
- Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Career Camp (12 spots)
- Welding Career Camp (12 spots)

WEEK TWO- June 9-11, 9am-1pm

GCTC- Transportation Tech Center, 1051 Dudley Road, Ft Wright, KY 41017

- Automotive Technology Career Camp (20 spots)

SCAN QR Code to apply to any of these Gateway Camps by April 30th:



Students will be notified by May 9th.

ADDITIONAL CAREER CAMPS

AHEC Health Careers Camp

Week 1- June 2-5, 9am-3pm

-or-

Week 2- June 9-12, 9am-3pm
(30 spots each week)

Scan QR Code to Apply by 4/11



DUKE Leadership & Energy Careers Camp for Young Women

June 20, 8:30am-3pm

(20 spots)

Scan QR Code to Apply by 5/21



Enzweiler-BIA Skilled Trades Camp

June 23-25, 8am-3pm

(25 spots)

Scan QR Code to Apply by 5/21

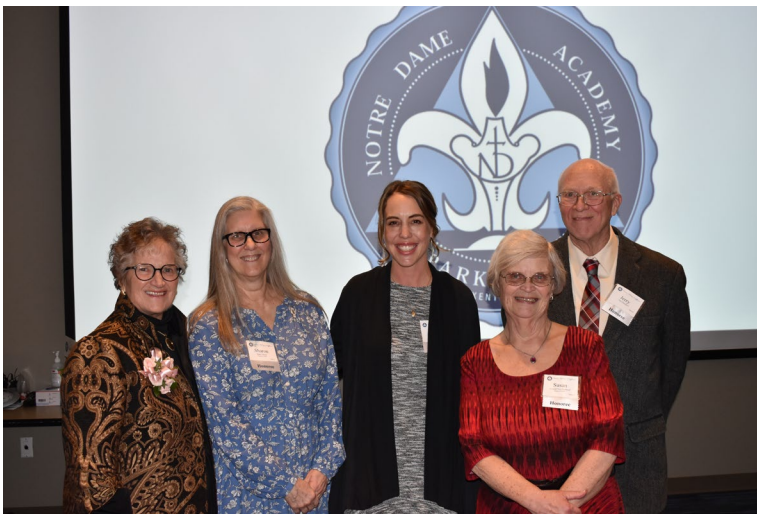


For more information, visit <https://navigoprep.com/students-2/>



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ADVANCING THE MISSION



NDA CELEBRATES ANNUAL "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" EVENT HONORING THOSE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Last week at our Women Making a Difference Luncheon, Notre Dame Academy proudly recognized outstanding alumnae and supporters who exemplify faith, service, and leadership.

We were honored to present the Women Making a Difference Award to:

- Marianne Cohen Fieger '62, a shining example of unwavering commitment to her faith and community.
- Sharon Stahl Harris '75, a remarkable servant leader dedicated to advocacy, education, and service to others.
- Lauren Simendinger Wang '02, a trailblazer and compassionate doctor who lives out her faith through service.

In addition, we proudly presented the Sr. Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award to Jerry and Sue Arnold Von Handorf '66 for their profound impact on both the NDA community and the greater Northern Kentucky area.

We celebrate and thank these incredible honorees for their dedication to making a difference. Their legacy of service and leadership continues to inspire us all.



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

- Boone County Sheriff's Office Electronics and Internet Safety Talk
- Screen Addiction
- Just a Click Away Monitoring the Risks and Rewards of Gaming and Apps for Our Youth

Important dates

March 13	Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m. Alumnae Rosary at St. Joseph Heights 12:50-1:20 p.m.
March 14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
March 17	Student Council School Officer Elections
March 18	Panda Preview Night
March 20	Athletic Hall of Fame
March 22	8th Grade Conferences
March 27	Junior College Information Night
March 31	Student Council Grade Level Elections
April 4	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Diocesan Senior Mass
April 4-6	Matilda the Musical
April 7	Spring Sport Athletic Signing
April 11	Half Day - Prom
April 17 - 25	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
April 27	Orange and White - SUA
April 28	Student Council Grade Representative Elections
May 15	Arts Fest 5:30 p.m.
May 22	Last Day of School
May 23	Graduation