



Dear Panda Families,

One of the great gifts of a Notre Dame Academy education is the opportunity for our students to experience learning beyond the classroom in ways that broaden their perspective and deepen their confidence. This week, I had the privilege of accompanying a group of our students to New York City as part of our Investment Club experience. Watching our young women engage with professionals, explore new environments and step outside of their comfort zones was a powerful reminder of what makes NDA so special.

Trips like this are not just about travel. They are about formation. They invite our students to see themselves in new places, to imagine new possibilities for their future and to recognize that they belong in spaces where important conversations and decisions are taking place. Whether standing in the heart of the financial district or navigating the energy of a city like New York, our students carried themselves with confidence, curiosity and grace.

What struck me most was how naturally they brought our mission with them. In every interaction, they reflected the values of respect, integrity and compassion that are rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. It is a beautiful reminder that when Christ is at the center, as we reflected last week, our students are able to move through the world with purpose and direction.

Experiences like this are just one example of the many opportunities available to our students at NDA. Each day, in classrooms, on the stage, in service and through programs like our summer camps and mission trip opportunities, our young women are being invited to discover their gifts and to use them in meaningful ways.

We are committed to providing experiences that challenge, inspire and prepare our students not only for college, but for lives of leadership and service. It is a joy to witness their growth and to walk alongside them as they continue to become the women God is calling them to be.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and for entrusting your daughters to Notre Dame Academy.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



FAITH IN ACTION

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

GIRLS GONE HOLY

girls gone holy

On Monday, March 16, students gathered for our Lenten Girls Gone Holy evening. They made bible bookmarks, watched the scene from The Chosen of the upcoming Sunday Gospel Reading and discussed ways it connects to their lives. Students then spent time in adoration in our chapel led by Fr. Kunath. It was a great evening of faith and fellowship!

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD DURING LENT

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS:

On Friday, March 20 - the Cast & crew of Cinderella and their families are invited to join us for the 7:20 a.m. Mass in our chapel. After Mass, Fr. Kunath will extend a blessing for them as they prepare for tech week and the opening of their show next week. Mass typically ends by 7:45/7:50 a.m.

We will have mass at 7:20 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24.

We will pray a decade of the rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 19 and Monday, March 23 in chapel.

Students are invited to join us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during PPT on Tuesday, March 23. They should sign up for the chapel in Flex.



GOSPEL REFLECTION THURSDAYS

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Students are invited to come to the chapel reflection space on Thursdays during PPT for a discussion about the upcoming Sunday's Gospel Reading. Only 2 more during Lent! Students should sign up for the Chapel in FLEX the night before.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

EMERGENCY SHELTER OF NKY

A huge thank you to all who supported the Emergency Cold Shelter of NKY either through the collection during Catholic Schools Week or by attending the NDA/CCH Annual Volleyball game. We raised \$2538.67 and over 70 items of creamer, sugar, and coffee. This tradition truly makes a difference in the lives of those who receive assistance and support from the Emergency Shelter of NKY, especially in the winter months. Thanks to all for their generosity.

Student Life



NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS NAMED FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Congratulations to the following students elected for student council officers positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

School Co-Presidents: Caroline Bramlage and Emma Miller

School Secretary: Elsie Hanks

School Treasurer: Lexi Overmann

PR Coordinator: Amelia Stallard

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

EARLY DISMISSAL

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF NEXT WEEK

On March 26 and March 27, our teachers will be involved in professional development in the afternoon. We are excited to work with a Marzano Trainer from Alabama. Marzano Resources is an educational research entity focusing on best instructional practices, evaluation techniques, and curriculum development. The students will be dismissed on Thursday, March 26 at 2:10. On Friday March 27, the juniors and seniors will be missed at 12:15 and the freshmen and sophomores will be dismissed at 1:20. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we provide some essential time for our teachers to grow professionally.



PLEASE HELP ENSURE UNIFORM GUIDELINES UNIFORM SKIRT REMINDER

We appreciate the improvement we are beginning to see as students work to take greater pride in their uniforms and in representing NDA well. As the weather begins to warm and many students are no longer wearing leggings, it is especially important to ensure that uniform skirts are being worn at the proper length.

While progress has been made, we still have a long way to go in ensuring that uniform skirts are consistently in compliance with our dress code policy. Rolling skirts or leaving hems unadjusted continues to be an issue, and we are asking for parent support in helping us address this.

Uniform Expectations from Student/Parent Handbook
[The handbook \(page 25\)](#)



SEQUINS & SNEAKERS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 20! FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Join us for a magical evening where fathers and daughters shine together! Dress up in your favorite sequins, slip on your coolest sneakers, and enjoy dinner, dancing, and memories that will last a lifetime. This special night is all about celebrating the unique bond between dads and their daughters — NDA style!

It's not too late to join the fun!

[Click HERE to register TODAY](#)

IMPORTANT DATES 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

As we look ahead to the 2026-27 school year, we are sharing key dates to help families plan for holidays, breaks and important milestones throughout the year. Please note these dates on your calendar as you begin making plans for the year ahead.



Schedule for the 2026-27 School Year

- August 18 — First Day of School
- September 7 — No school: Labor Day
- October 8-9 — No school: Professional Development Days
- November 25-27 — No school: Thanksgiving Break
- December 8 — No school: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 16-18 — Exams (early dismissal on exam days)
- December 21 — January 3 — No school: Christmas Break
- January 4 — School Resumes after Christmas Break
- January 18 — No school: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 15 — No school: Presidents Day
- March 12 — No school: Professional Development Day
- March 25 — April 2 — No school: Easter Break
- April 5 — School Resumes after Spring Break
- May 28 — Last day of school
- May 28 — Graduation

YEARBOOK

ORDER TODAY YEARBOOK NEWS

NDA's 2026 yearbook, is available to order at [jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com). Order now to take advantage of this great opportunity and best price! Our publications classes work hard to make the yearbook and appreciate your support!



SAVE THE DATE

PROM NIGHT SETS SAIL THIS APRIL

Prom 2026 is heading to the Greek islands! Juniors and Seniors join us for Mamma Mia! Prom Night on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 7:15–11:00 p.m. aboard BB Riverboats. A night of music, dancing, waterfront views, and unforgettable memories awaits. Grab your tickets now! [Click the link to register.](#)



CONGRATULATIONS!

FRESHMAN RECOGNIZED FOR ESSAY HONORING WORLD GRANDPARENTS DAY

Notre Dame Academy freshman Dara Jackson '28 will have her writing published in this week's edition of The Messenger, the newspaper of the Diocese of Covington.

Dara submitted an essay reflecting on the importance of World Grandparents Day, highlighting the impact of grandparents in the lives of young people and the broader faith community. Her work was selected for publication by The Messenger staff, an honor that recognizes both the strength of her writing and the depth of her reflection.

We are proud of Dara for sharing her voice and faith in such a meaningful way and look forward to seeing her essay in print.

PLEASE NOTE!

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.



MARCH MADNESS at NDA!

MARCH MADNESS FEVER HITS NDA

FAMILY GROUPS BRING THE EXCITEMENT

March Madness fever has officially taken over NDA! Our Family Groups have selected their 16 teams, and the competition is underway. Brackets are set, spirits are high, and the excitement is building with every game. Let the best team win!

PANDAS IN NYC!

TRAVELING PANDAS

NYC OR BUST: INVESTMENT CLUB'S UNFORGETTABLE TRIP

The Investment Club's first-ever New York City trip turned into quite the adventure before it even began! Originally, the group was scheduled to fly to New York, but early Thursday morning, Ms. Dooling woke up to an email announcing that the flights had been canceled due to weather. Determined not to give up on the trip, Ms. Dooling, Mrs. Ammerman, and Mrs. Timmerding headed to the airport to explore alternative flights. With so many cancellations and a large group traveling together, it quickly became clear that flying would not be possible. Rescheduling the trip for another weekend was considered, but coordinating 26 different schedules before the end of the school year would be a challenge. Then Ms. Dooling turned to Mrs. Ammerman and Mrs. Timmerding and said, "This might be crazy, but what if we chartered a bus?" And that is exactly what they did! They didn't want to disappoint the students, especially since the senior Investment Club leaders, Ella Nienaber and Ella Weber, had worked so hard to help Ms. Dooling plan the trip since August.

Thanks to the determination of our chaperones, the trip was back on! The group departed NDA at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, and arrived in New York City at 5:00 a.m. the next morning, greeting the city with a celebratory listen to Welcome to New York by Taylor Swift as the skyline came into view. After a quick power nap, students were ready to hit the ground running.

The day began with classic New York bagels before visiting the 9/11 Museum, where students reflected on an important moment in our nation's history. After a quick lunch break, the group headed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for a behind-the-scenes tour. One of the highlights was descending 80 feet below street level into the gold vault, where students saw an astonishing \$181 billion worth of gold stored at one time—and could even hear the subway rumbling overhead! That evening, the group headed to Broadway to see *The Great Gatsby*, which proved to be an incredible performance. After such a long and exciting day, students wrapped up the night with late-night pancakes at a 24-hour diner near the hotel.

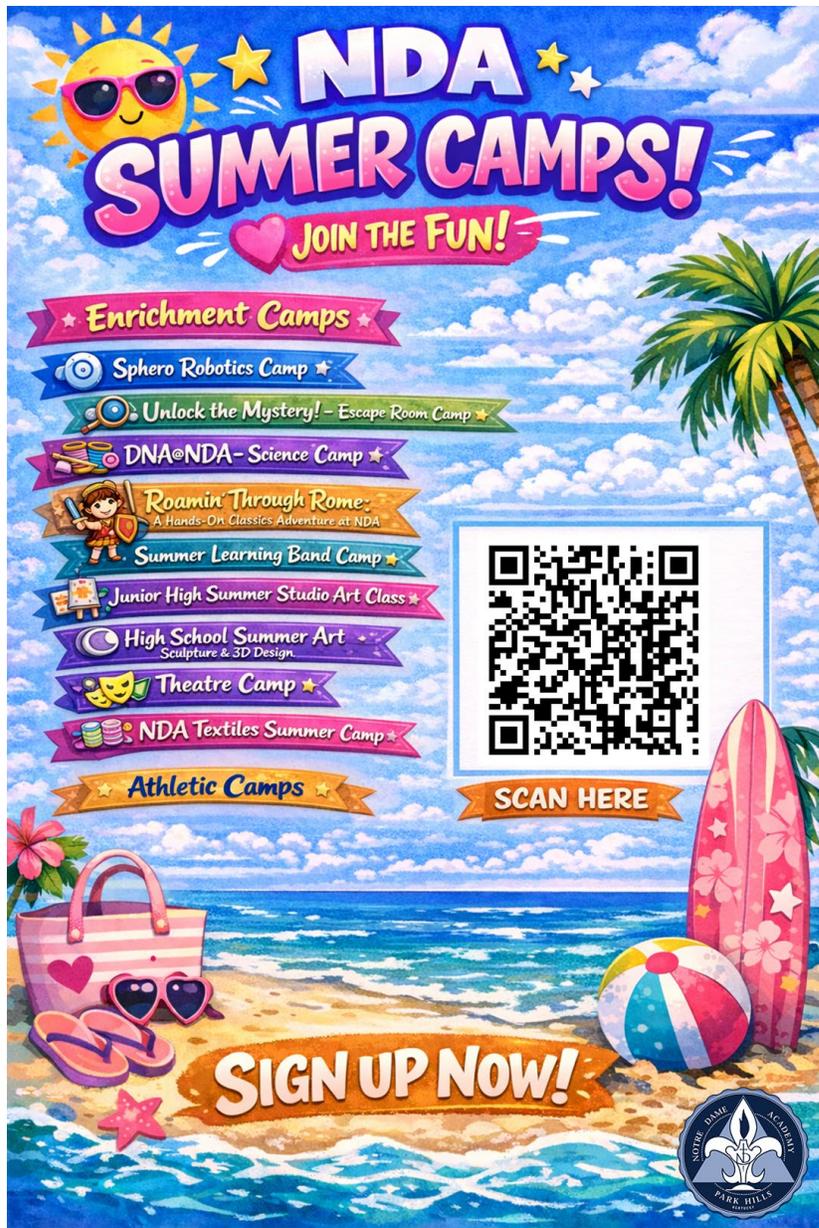
Saturday was just as full. Students visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island before heading to SoHo for shopping and exploration. While there, some of the group enjoyed delicious New York pizza from a popular local spot with a line out the door—but everyone agreed the wait was well worth it. Later in the evening, students took in breathtaking views of the city from Top of the Rock before gathering for dinner as a group. The evening ended with a fun surprise when the entire restaurant joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Timmerding! A few students also ventured to Times Square with Mrs. Ammerman and Ms. Dooling to see the unique "Midnight Moment" art installation lighting up the surrounding billboards.

On Sunday morning, the group stopped at another famous bagel shop—again with a very long line, but worth the wait! The plan had been to enjoy breakfast in Central Park, but a marathon blocked park access. Instead, the group pivoted once again and headed to Hudson Yards to walk along the High Line. The trip concluded with Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral before a quick stop at Whole Foods to grab dinner for the road. Students boarded the bus Sunday evening and traveled overnight back to NDA, arriving safely at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026, ready for some well-earned sleep.

Throughout the trip, students also successfully navigated the New York City subway system, including several train changes—a remarkable feat with such a large group! Thanks to Mrs. Ammerman's expert guidance, the group confidently moved around the city every day.

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Michael Dempsey, Mrs. Timmerding, Mrs. Ammerman, and Ms. Dooling for giving up their long weekend to chaperone the trip and for doing whatever it took to ensure this unforgettable experience happened for our students!





JOIN THE FUN!

NDA SUMMER CAMPS 2026: OUR BEST LINEUP EVER!

Get ready for a summer full of creativity, exploration and fun at Notre Dame Academy! Registration is now open for NDA's 2026 Summer Camps, offering a wide range of engaging opportunities for students of all ages and interests.

This year's enrichment camps include hands-on experiences in robotics, science, art, textiles, theatre and more. Whether your daughter is interested in coding with Sphero robots, solving puzzles in Escape Room Camp, exploring science in DNA@NDA or expressing her creativity through studio art and textiles, there is something for everyone.

Students can also travel back in time with Roamin' Through Rome, build musical skills in Summer Learning Band Camp or take the stage in Theatre Camp. In addition to these enrichment options, NDA will once again offer a variety of athletic camps.

These camps are a wonderful way for students to build skills, make new friends and experience the energy and sisterhood of NDA in a fun and supportive environment.

Spots fill quickly, so we encourage families to register early.

Register [HERE!](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to campus this summer!

NDA ARTS FEST

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SAVE THE DATE NDA ARTS FEST 2026

Mark your calendars for our second annual NDA Arts Fest on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.! This special evening celebrates the creativity, talent, and dedication of our students across the visual and performing arts. From fine art, band, chorus, textiles, theatre, and design, Arts Fest showcases the many ways our young women express their gifts and bring beauty to our community.

Join us as we honor the hard work of our student artists and celebrate an evening filled with inspiration, performance, and Panda pride. More details will be provided as the event approaches. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

We are currently seeking three additional students and one adult chaperone or teacher to join the trip. Please email Ms. Dooling with any questions.



ONE HOST FAMILY NEEDED

FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Notre Dame Academy is once again preparing to host international students from our sister school in Germany, Liebfrauenschule Vechta, for a portion of the 2026 fall semester and we are seeking **one additional host family**.

Four students will experience NDA life for approximately 10 weeks. They will arrive in mid-October and depart in mid-December. These young women speak English very well and are carefully screened by their school before being accepted into the exchange program.

Hosting an international student is a meaningful way to share our NDA sisterhood while building a global connection.

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.



DELICIOUS NEWS

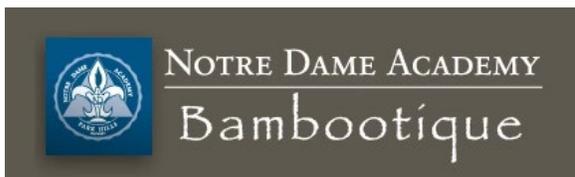
LUNCH MENU

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.

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Pick up something to wear while you are cheering on your favorite Pandas this spring! Visit the Bambootique in person or shop [ONLINE](#).



FINE ARTS

A MAGICAL WEEKEND IS ALMOST HERE

NDA|CCH THEATRE GROUP PREPARES TO BRING THE BELOVED FAIRY TALE TO LIFE ON STAGE

The NDA|CCH Theatre program invites the community to step into a world of music, magic and transformation as students present Cinderella later this month. Over the past several weeks, NDA's talented cast and crew have been hard at work rehearsing scenes, learning choreography, painting sets and building props in preparation for this beloved musical. Their dedication and creativity will come together on stage for a weekend of enchanting performances.

Performances of Cinderella will take place Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the NDA Theatre.

Tickets are available at:

<https://www.showclix.com/event/cinderella-rh-ndacch>

Join us for a wonderful evening of theatre and support the incredible talents of our NDA students. It promises to be a magical weekend you will not want to miss!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS



Basketball

What an incredible season! Our PaNDA's reached the Elite Eight at the KHSAA Sweet 16 state tournament! We are so proud of this team and all they accomplished. They also made history, setting a state record with 17 three-point baskets in a single game. History made, a strong foundation set for the future, and a team that honored those who came before them!



Archery

Congratulations to our PaNDA's on some outstanding performances at the Kentucky NASP State Tournament! The team posted a bullseye score of 3,189—our second-highest of the season—and a season-best 3D score of 1,601. Reagan Carman led the team in bullseye with a PR of 283, placing 51st out of 1,567 high school girls. Ava Boertlein led the way in 3D with a PR of 288, earning an impressive 4th place finish out of 634 competitors. The PaNDA's now turn their focus to the KHSAA postseason!



Lacrosse

Lacrosse has a busy week ahead! They host St. Ursula on Tuesday (3/17) at 5:00 PM and Cooper on Thursday (March 19) at 6:00 PM. This Saturday, they will host Sayre (10:00 & 11:30 AM) and Assumption (1:30 & 3:00 PM). Come out and support your PaNDA's!



Softball

Softball is off to a busy start as well! Their game against Lloyd was canceled due to weather. They will host Ryle on Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 PM at Bamboo Gardens. This weekend, head over to Beechwood to catch the PaNDA's in action at the Beechwood Tournament beginning at 9:00 AM. Let's cheer on our PaNDA's!



Track & Field

This week, Track & Field is hosting a new event, "Running for a Purpose," with the goal of raising money for cancer research through the Karen Wellington Foundation. Come out and support a great cause while cheering on your PaNDA's!



Tennis

Tennis is underway for the season! They opened play against Simon Kenton on March 10 and will face Highlands this Thursday with both JV and Varsity in action. Good luck to our PaNDA's!

Senior Party Idea

Looking for a fun graduation party idea?

Order a keepsake golf flag featuring your senior's name, sport, and graduation year to display at your graduation party! Form on next page.

Customize for your Panda!

Great keepsake for
students, seniors and
alumnae.



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



Notre Dame Academy Golf Outing

Kenton County Golf Course

Friday, June 5, 2026

Notre Dame Academy's mission is to educate young women to make a difference in the world. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you as we invest in the lives of young women and future leaders of our community. Your sponsorship of the 2026 OrthoCincy NDA Golf Outing will support NDA student athletes, with all proceeds from the event supporting the Athletic Programs at NDA.

Thank you for your support!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$3500 Panda Sponsor (3) – Logo on the tee gift, golf cart or inside the clubhouse recognition, foursome, banner, sign with your logo on a tee box, custom flag, program recognition - must send in your logo</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$2000 Gold Sponsor – Foursome, banner, sign with your logo on a tee box, custom flag, program recognition - must send in your logo</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1500 White Sponsor – Foursome, sign with your logo on a tee box, custom flag, program recognition - must send in your logo</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Blue Sponsor - Twosome, custom flag, program recognition - must send in your logo</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Beverage Sponsor – Banner, custom flag, program recognition - Must send in your logo</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Flag Sponsor - Personalized flag displayed on the course or in the clubhouse
Write what you'd like on the flag (Name, Extracurricular Logo, etc.):</p> |
| <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Tee Sponsor – sign with your logo on a tee box - Must send in your logo and do you have a specific hole you want your sign to located on</p> |

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COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



TLC LEADS THE WAY

WORLD TEEN MENTAL WELLNESS DAY

This week we celebrated World Teen Mental Wellness Day. It was an opportunity for students to be reminded to take care of their mental health and find a little joy in their day. Students from Teen Leadership Club helped to make the day possible which started with applying for a grant provided by the following groups who were working in collaboration with one another: bi3, Interact for Health, and the Joe Burrow Foundation. The celebration of the day included handing out squishy toys with ideas for emotional self soothing techniques, a mental health trivia activity, and hot chocolate and coloring during PPT.



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.



INSPIRED PANDAS

JUNIORS EXPLORE FUTURE CAREERS AT JA INSPIRE TO HIRE EVENT

We had 11 Juniors attend the Junior Achievement (JA) Inspire to Hire event last week. JA Inspire to Hire is a career fair that brings together the business community and local schools to help launch students into their futures; high school, college, and careers beyond. Exhibitors at this event included US Army Recruiting, Procter & Gamble, Brighton Center, Amazon, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, TQL, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and many more. Students practiced soft



Advancing the Mission

Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US

ALUMNAE ROSARY

On March 19, 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.

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We're thrilled to invite our parent community to be part of something truly special: **Light the Night for NDA!** This signature event is more than a celebration; it's a powerful expression of our shared mission to support, inspire, and invest in our students. We're looking for volunteers to join our amazing Chairs, Tracie Stacy, Laura Mauller and Jen Fariello, to help plan and bring this unforgettable night to life, from creative ideas to behind-the-scenes coordination. Help create an experience that strengthens our community and directly supports the programs that help our students thrive. If you're ready to make a meaningful impact and have some fun along the way, we'd love to have you join us! If interested, please call the advancement office at 859.292.7729.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND



Years of More

SUPPORTING THE NDA EXPERIENCE

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND AND 120 YEARS OF MORE

Every gift to Notre Dame Academy's Annual Fund strengthens the experience your daughter receives each day. The Annual Fund supports what tuition alone cannot fully cover: exceptional faculty, vibrant campus ministry, tuition assistance, and the programs that form young women in faith, confidence, and leadership.

As we celebrate 120 Years of More, more than just an education, a transformation; more than just a classroom, a community of faith; more than just preparation for college, a formation for life, your participation matters. Every gift, at every level, is an investment in your daughter and in every Panda here.

Thank you for your partnership and for believing in the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

[MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE](#)



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

March 19	Alumnae Rosary Panda Preview Night for 6th & 7th Graders
March 20	Father/Daughter event - Receptions Spring Sports Pep Rally
March 23, 24	National Spanish Exam
March 26	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Dinner Theatre
March 27-29	Spring Musical Performances - Cinderella
April 2	Holy Thursday - No School
April 3	Good Friday - No School
April 6-10	Spring Break
April 16	Prom Fashion Show
April 17	Senior Mass
April 18	Prom
April 24	Food Truck Day
April 26	Spring Band Concert at CCH
April 27	Girls Schools Unite Fundraiser
May 1	May Crowning
May 2	Math and Language Placements Tests for Incoming Freshmen
May 4	AP Exams begin
May 12	Art Fest - Quilt Show
May 13	Academic Awards
May 15	AP Exams End