



Dear Panda Families,

There is something special about this time of year at NDA. As spring begins to emerge on our campus, you can feel a renewed sense of energy, hope and joy in our classrooms and hallways. The longer days and signs of new life around us feel especially meaningful as we continue our journey through Lent.

Lent invites us to slow down, reflect and grow in our faith, and I am always so proud of the ways our students embrace that call. Through prayer, service and small daily choices, they continue to live out our mission in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

As part of this important season, I encourage all of our families to participate in our [Lenten Mission Reflection](#). This brief, anonymous survey, which was emailed on Monday, is part of our Strategic Plan implementation and gives each of you an opportunity to reflect on how our Catholic mission and values are experienced at NDA. Your feedback is invaluable as we continue to strengthen the faith formation and mission-centered culture that define our school. I hope you will take a few minutes to share your perspective.

At the same time, there is so much to celebrate in our community. Our students have been hard at work preparing for this weekend's production of *Cinderella*, and their excitement, talent and dedication are evident. It promises to be a wonderful performance, and I hope you are able to join us.

Last evening, we had the opportunity to welcome several of our past Board of Directors members back to campus for a special reception. It was a meaningful reminder of the many individuals who have helped shape NDA over the years. We are truly blessed to have such a strong and supportive Board of Directors, whose commitment to our mission continues to guide and strengthen our school.

This Friday, your daughters will be receiving detailed information about the Hallow App and how to login to up to five devices using their school-paid subscription. Be sure to ask her about it!! We want them to share this incredible faith-building tool with their family members.

Finally, as we near the end of the year, students are tired, teachers are tired, and we are all feeling a bit of spring fever. It is important for us to stay the course and continue forging on so strongly and successfully as we have all year. We are continuing to hold the young ladies accountable for following expectations, procedures and uniform guidelines. We believe that expectations must be consistently enforced and we are continuing to do so. Please also know that we continue to work with students regarding skirt length and having a Skirt Sister to alert them when it might be too short. Your help and cooperation will be invaluable as well.

As we continue through this Lenten season and look ahead to all that spring will bring, I remain grateful for each of you and for the role you play in making NDA such a special place for our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



FAITH IN ACTION



2026-27 SENIOR RETREAT DATES

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS

The Senior Retreat dates have been set for the 2026/27 school year. All Seniors MUST attend one of the 3 Senior Retreats in order to graduate. As you begin to make your plans for next year - please keep these dates in mind. Registrations will take place the first few weeks of the school year. Senior retreat dates for 2026/27: October 21-23, 2026, November 18-20, 2026 and January 11-13, 2027.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING LITURGIES & PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We will celebrate mass at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, March 27 and on Tuesday, March 31 in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel.

We will pray a decade of the rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 26 and Monday, March 30 in the chapel.

We will hold adoration in the chapel on Tuesday, March 31 during PPT. Fr. Kunath will also be available for confession during that time. Students who want to attend should sign up for the chapel in Flex by 9:00 p.m. on Monday.

We will have our final Lenten Scripture Study during PPT on Friday, March 27 where we will dive into the Gospel for Palm Sunday. Students should sign up for the chapel in Flex by 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26.

We will gather as a school community to begin our Holy Week with a prayer service centered around the Stations of the Cross.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SERVICE

Freshmen and Sophomore Service hours are due by the end of the day on Tuesday, March 31. All hours must be logged into Mobile Serve and verified by the agency at that time. Students will receive a grade worth 10% of their 4th quarter Religion Grade based on the number of hours completed by March 31. Service is a graduation requirement - therefore any outstanding service work from their yearly requirement MUST be completed by May 1 of their Senior year.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Student Life



SEQUINS & SNEAKERS

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible volunteers and everyone who attended the Sequins & Sneakers Father-Daughter event! Because of you, the evening was filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments. From the sparkle on the dance floor to the smiles shared throughout the night, it was truly a special celebration of the bonds that make our NDA community so strong.

Thank you for making it such a meaningful and memorable night—these are the moments that turn into lifelong memories!

You can see pictures from this fun evening here: [Father Daughter Pictures](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

EARLY DISMISSAL

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK

This Thursday and Friday, 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.



LENTEN MISSION REFLECTION

SHARE YOUR VOICE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

As we journey through this Lenten season, NDA's Mission Integration Board Committee invites members of the Notre Dame Academy community to pause, reflect, and share how our Catholic mission and values are lived each day at NDA.

This brief, anonymous survey is part of our Strategic Plan implementation and provides an opportunity to offer meaningful feedback that will help strengthen the faith formation, prayer life, and mission-centered culture that are at the heart of an NDA education.

This survey was emailed to all students and families on Monday. Please take a few minutes to complete it and share your perspective.

Take the survey here: <https://forms.gle/B8yq2KyqiGoi1zq58>

Thank you for your time, your reflection, and your continued commitment to the Notre Dame Academy community.

HELP US DRIVE SAFETY FORWARD AT NDA

HANDS-ON DRIVING SIMULATOR INITIATIVE FOR STUDENTS

Notre Dame Academy's School Resource Officer, Jodie Rigney, is bringing an innovative and practical safety initiative to our students through a new driving simulator learning experience.



Using Xbox-compatible driving simulation software, this program will allow students to practice real-world driving scenarios in a safe, controlled environment. From hazard awareness to reaction time and decision-making, the simulator is designed to build confidence and reinforce responsible driving habits before students get behind the wheel.

Notre Dame Academy is committed to investing in this important safety program. At the same time, we are exploring whether members of our community may already have the needed equipment available, allowing us to be thoughtful stewards of school resources.

We are currently seeking donations of gently used or new Xbox systems compatible with Xbox One or Xbox Series X|S, along with a steering wheel controller attachment to create a realistic driving experience.

If you are interested in donating or would like more information, please contact [SRO Jodie Rigney](#) or the school office. Thank you for helping us equip our students with the skills they need to stay safe on the road and lead with confidence.

GRAB YOUR GOWNS!

PROM FASHION SHOW



Get ready, Pandas—it's time to hit the runway! Our Prom Fashion Show is shaping up to be a fabulous celebration of fashion through the years. From today's hottest trends to iconic looks from the past, you'll see it all come to life on the catwalk.

Even better—alumnae are invited to join in the fun with you! Be sure to ask and fill in their name on your form. Dust off those unforgettable dresses, bring back the glam, and share your style with the next generation.

So grab your gowns, strike your pose, and let's walk the runway as we get ready for prom in style. You won't want to miss this fun, fashionable night!

Please fill out [Prom Fashion Show Form](#) by Monday, March 30!

A green chalkboard with a wooden frame. The words 'SCHOOL REPORT CARD' are written in white, bold, uppercase letters. A red apple is placed in the bottom right corner of the chalkboard.

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIGITAL REPORT CARDS

Digital report cards will be sent home this week through the School Messenger system. Because no class credits are issued for classes at the end of the third quarter, there is no paper report card this quarter. Grades can always also be viewed using PowerSchool at any time.



LEARNING THOURH HISTORY

STOCK MARKET SIMULATION BRINGS THE GREAT DEPRESSION TO LIFE

Students in Mrs. Tobey’s U.S. History class recently stepped into the world of investing through a hands-on stock market simulation, gaining a powerful and memorable understanding of the events that led to the Great Depression. Through this interactive lesson, students experienced the excitement of market gains, the uncertainty of shifting trends and ultimately the impact of a sudden crash. By actively participating in the rise and fall of their simulated investments, they were able to better grasp the economic forces, decision-making and widespread consequences that defined this pivotal moment in American history. The simulation not only deepened their academic understanding but also encouraged critical thinking and real-world connections, making history both relevant and engaging.

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



COMING SOON

I HAVE WINGS JEWELRY SALE

Get ready for the highly anticipated I Have Wings Jewelry Sale, a wonderful opportunity to find a special gift for Mother’s Day, Grandmother’s Day, a friend’s birthday or simply to celebrate yourself.

Join us in the NDA Auditorium on Monday, March 30, and Tuesday, March 31. The sale will be open before school, during both Lunch A and Lunch B, and after school, making it easy to stop by and browse the beautiful collection.

And remember...ALL ITEMS ARE ONLY \$1.00!!!





SAFE TRAVELS!

AUF WIEDERSEHEN TO A PANDA SISTER

This past weekend, Notre Dame Academy said farewell to Lucy Boyce, one of our German exchange students, as she returned home after her time as a Panda.

During her stay, Lucy formed meaningful friendships and experienced life as part of the Panda sisterhood. Her time on campus reflected the spirit of connection, cultural exchange and global learning that enriches the NDA experience.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have welcomed Lucy to NDA and for the friendships she formed with her Panda sisters. We wish her safe travels and all the best as she returns home.

Once a Panda, always a Panda!



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!

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.





CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT STATUS

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.

As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly ask families to review their lunch accounts. Any outstanding balances should be paid in full by the end of the school year. Thank you for your attention to this and for your continued support.

YEARBOOK

ORDER TODAY

YEARBOOK NEWS

NDA's 2026 yearbook, is available to order at 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!

A vibrant, colorful poster for NDA Summer Camps 2026. The background is a beach scene with a blue sky, white clouds, a palm tree, a beach bag, flip-flops, a beach ball, and a surfboard. At the top, a smiling sun with sunglasses is next to the text "NDA SUMMER CAMPS!" in large, bubbly letters. Below this is a pink banner that says "JOIN THE FUN!". A list of camps is presented on colorful banners: "Enrichment Camps" (Sphero Robotics Camp, Unlock the Mystery! - Escape Room Camp, DNA@NDA - Science Camp, Roamin' Through Rome: A Hands-On Classics Adventure at NDA, Summer Learning Band Camp, Junior High Summer Studio Art Class, High School Summer Art Sculpture & 3D Design, Theatre Camp, NDA Textiles Summer Camp) and "Athletic Camps". A QR code is in the center with a "SCAN HERE" banner below it. At the bottom, a large orange banner says "SIGN UP NOW!". The NDA logo is in the bottom right corner.

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!



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.

Important Information from The Diocese of Covington

PARENT SURVEY

DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN

In these final days of our Lenten journey, we invite you to participate in the Diocesan Schools Office strategic planning process. As parents invested in Catholic education, your insight is invaluable; therefore, we invite you to participate in a brief survey about Catholic education in our diocese. Your perspectives will help shape our vision moving forward. The survey will take just 4–6 minutes to complete. You can read more about the strategic planning process in "The Messenger" this week.

Please click the link below to access the survey: <https://tinyurl.com/COV-Parents-Survey> Your responses will be collected anonymously by a third-party marketing firm, ensuring confidentiality. The compiled results from all surveys completed by April 6 will be shared with the Schools Strategic Planning Commission during our first planning meeting on April 14.

PLEASE NOTE!

REPORTING ABSENCES

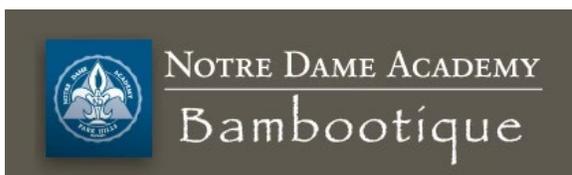
ATTENDANCE POLICY

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.

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 HERE!

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

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 This 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

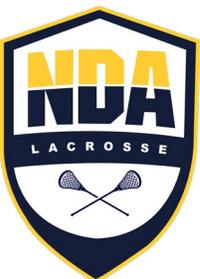
FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS



Tennis

The Pandas kicked off their season with an impressive start, defeating Highlands 7-0. They continued their momentum on Friday with another strong win over Greenwood (IN). This week, the varsity team travels to Cooper on Wednesday, while the JV team hosts Ryle at Notre Dame. Good luck to our Pandas!



Lacrosse

Lacrosse opened their season with a busy and competitive week. They faced St. Ursula on Tuesday, falling 1-9, followed by a tough overtime loss to Cooper on Thursday (6-7). The team bounced back on Saturday with a 12-6 win over Sayre, before closing the day with a loss to Assumption (3-9). This week, the Pandas take on Madeira on Tuesday and St. Henry on Thursday, finishing with a Saturday doubleheader against George Washington (WV) and South Oldham. Let's pack the stands and cheer them on!



Softball

Softball began their season last Thursday against Ryle, with both varsity (0-15) and JV (0-6) teams coming up short. On Saturday, the Pandas competed in the Beechwood Tournament at Thomas More Stadium, narrowly losing to Bates Creek 2-3. This week, they play Beechwood (JV) tonight, Holy Cross on Thursday, and Newport Central on Friday. Good luck, Pandas!



Track & Field

Track & Field had a meaningful and successful showing at the Running for a Purpose meet. The team honored three breast cancer survivors and helped raise funds for the Karen Wellington Foundation. Despite the cold weather, it was a day filled with warmth and support for an incredible cause. This weekend, the team travels to Tennessee to compete in the Harden Valley Invitational. Good luck to our Pandas!



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> |

Please complete the information on the back of this form!

Advancing the Mission

BE PART OF NDA'S SIGNATURE EVENT HELP US LIGHT THE NIGHT

There's something special about coming together as a community and **Light the Night for NDA** is one of those moments.

This signature NDA event is a celebration of our mission and a powerful way we support the programs and opportunities that make NDA exceptional.

We're inviting parents to be part of the team behind the scenes — helping bring the energy, creativity, and spirit that make this night unforgettable.

Whether you love planning, organizing, or just want to lend a hand, there's a place for you.

Join our Chairs, Tracie Stacy, Laura Mauller, and Jen Fariello, and be part of something meaningful, fun, and truly impactful for our students.

Interested? Call the Advancement Office at 859.292.7729

Let's make this a night to remember — together.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND



Years of More

WHY THE ANNUAL FUND MATTERS THE NDA DIFFERENCE, MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

What makes an NDA education feel different? It's the teacher who stays after school to help your daughter master a concept. It's the retreat that deepens her faith. It's the moment she finds her voice, her confidence, her purpose.

These moments don't happen by accident and they aren't fully covered by tuition alone. That's where the Annual Fund comes in.

Your support helps make possible the people, programs, and experiences that shape young women into thoughtful leaders grounded in faith. From tuition assistance to campus ministry to innovative learning spaces, every gift directly touches your daughter's daily experience.

As we celebrate 120 Years of More, we are reminded that NDA has always been about more: more opportunity, more growth, more transformation.

And that "more" continues because of you.

Thank you for being part of what makes NDA so special.

[MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE](#)



SHARING OUR Community News

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

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

Important dates

March 26	Wear red in honor of Opening Day
	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Dinner Theatre
March 27-29	Spring Musical Performances - Cinderella
March 30-21	I Have Wings Jewelry Sale
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