



## Dear Panda Families,

As we enter the most sacred days of our liturgical year, I find myself especially grateful for the goodness that surrounds us each day at Notre Dame Academy. Holy Week invites us to slow down, to walk closely with Jesus through His suffering and sacrifice, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection. At the center of this journey is something we are all called to embrace more deeply: trust.

We walk with Jesus as He carries the cross, trusting even when the path is difficult to understand. We stand at the foot of the cross, trusting even in sorrow and uncertainty. And we believe, with faith that has been passed down through generations, that death is not the end. We trust that through His sacrifice, Jesus saves us. We trust that in three days, the tomb will be empty. We trust that God's promise is real, and that love is stronger than death.

This week, our community came together to pray the Stations of the Cross, and I was once again reminded of the faith that lives so beautifully within our students. Listening to their reflections and witnessing their compassion and service was a powerful reminder of who our young women are becoming. They are thoughtful, faith-filled, and learning what it means to trust God in both the joyful and the challenging moments of life.

That same spirit is present in so many ways across NDA. It is in our classrooms, where curiosity and purpose grow together. It is in our service efforts, where our students live out the Gospel. It is in our relationships, where kindness, respect, and sisterhood are evident every day. There is a quiet but unmistakable goodness here, and it is rooted in our shared mission and in a deep trust in God's plan for each of us.

As we prepare for Easter and an upcoming break, I encourage your family to take time to rest, to be together, and to continue this Lenten journey in small but meaningful ways. Trust can grow in simple moments of prayer, in attending liturgies, and in choosing to believe, even when it is not easy, that God is always at work.

Thank you for the many ways you support our school and help strengthen our faith community. It is a blessing to partner with you in forming young women who lead with faith, compassion, and courage.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful Holy Week and a joyful Easter, filled with hope and renewed trust in the promise of the Resurrection.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



# FAITH IN ACTION



## FAITH FORMATION

### UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will pray a decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, April 13.  
We will celebrate Mass at 7:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12 in our chapel.

All Seniors will attend the Diocesan Senior Mass at the Cathedral on Friday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION THURSDAYS

### HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

On Monday, our school community came together to remember the Passion of Jesus Christ by praying the Stations of the Cross. Throughout the prayer service, we heard student reflections about their service work. Thank you to Juliana VonWahlde Mendez, Baylee Davis and Katie Ahern for sharing their experiences serving in our community. Thank you also to the Panda Tones and Melissa Geiman for sharing their gift of music with us as we journeyed through Jesus' final steps.



## 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.

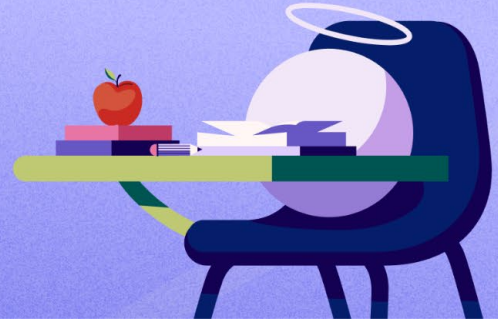
This brief, anonymous survey is part of our Strategic Plan implementation and provides an opportunity to offer meaningful feedback that will help strengthen the faith formation, prayer life, and mission-centered culture that are at the heart of an NDA education.

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.

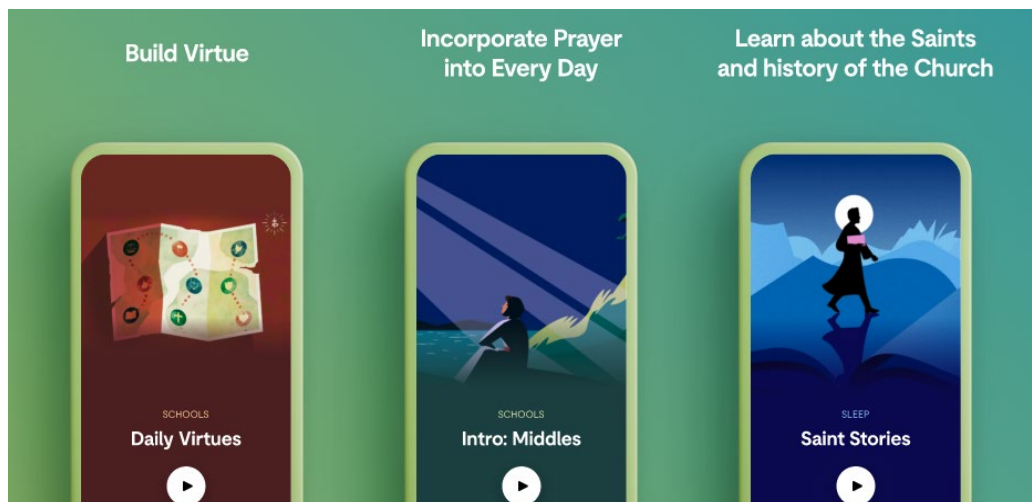
# Proud to Partner with Hallow



Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, our school has partnered with [Hallow](#), **the world's #1 Catholic prayer app**. Hallow exists to make growing in relationship with God simple and accessible, no matter where your relationship with Him is at. Our new partnership gives staff and students access to this wonderful resource, which will serve to strengthen the mental and spiritual health of our school community.

Hallow contains over 12,000 audio-guided prayers spanning from quick minute meditations to entire holy hours, dozens of music albums and 'praylists,' and everything in between. The app is specifically designed to offer something for everyone, and in the classroom we'll use Hallow to help:



Praying together as a family has never been easier now that your student has full access to everything on the platform, including hundreds of prayers specifically designed for Kids, Teens, and Families. Follow the instructions below to log into your shared account for the first time. Take some time and explore!

- 1) Download the Hallow app, or log in at <http://app.hallow.com>
- 2) Click **Already have an account? Log in with Email/Phone** & switch to email (**not** Google/Apple!)
- 3) Username: *your student's school email address*
- 4) Password: *hallowed*

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can offer up in prayer on your behalf, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or the Hallow team directly at [schoolpartners@hallow.app](mailto:schoolpartners@hallow.app).

# Student Life

## SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

## INDUCTION TO THE SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA



The SHH (Spanish National Honor Society) recognizes students who have excellence in their Spanish studies, has studied Spanish for at least 3 semesters and is willing to do service hours, mostly serving the local Latino population. The emphasis is for the student to recognize the value of studying a second language and have a desire to use that language to bring friendship and harmony into the world. Current SHH members have helped at Esperanza's health fair, have helped organize and distribute food goods and Christmas gifts, assisted at English classes for second language learners and other projects. We are proud to recognize our newly inducted who will carry on this tradition of service and scholarship.

On Monday, March 30, the following were inducted:

Greidy Aguilar Deleón	Reese Kruze
Finleigh Anderson	Frances Maier
Ava Arnzen	Taylor Maynard
Ana Barczak	Olivia Middendorf
Finley Clifton	Taylor Murphy
Hannah Dettmer	Leah Myers
Blake Dougherty	Tessa Nader
Abbey Heyob	Erin Scheuerle
Stephanie Jimenez	Camilla Tranter



**¡¡Felicitaciones!!**

## 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.

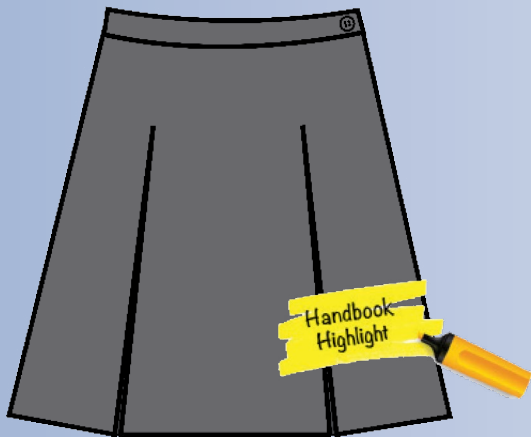
### Schedule for the 2026-27 School Year

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



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 \(page 25\)](#)



THANK YOU!

## I HAVE WINGS JEWELRY SALE

Thank you to everyone who helped make the I Have Wings Jewelry Sale such a success! Students, faculty and staff enjoyed browsing the collection and finding special gifts for loved ones or a little something for themselves.

We are grateful to all who participated and supported this fun and meaningful NDA tradition. Your enthusiasm helped create a joyful experience for our entire community.

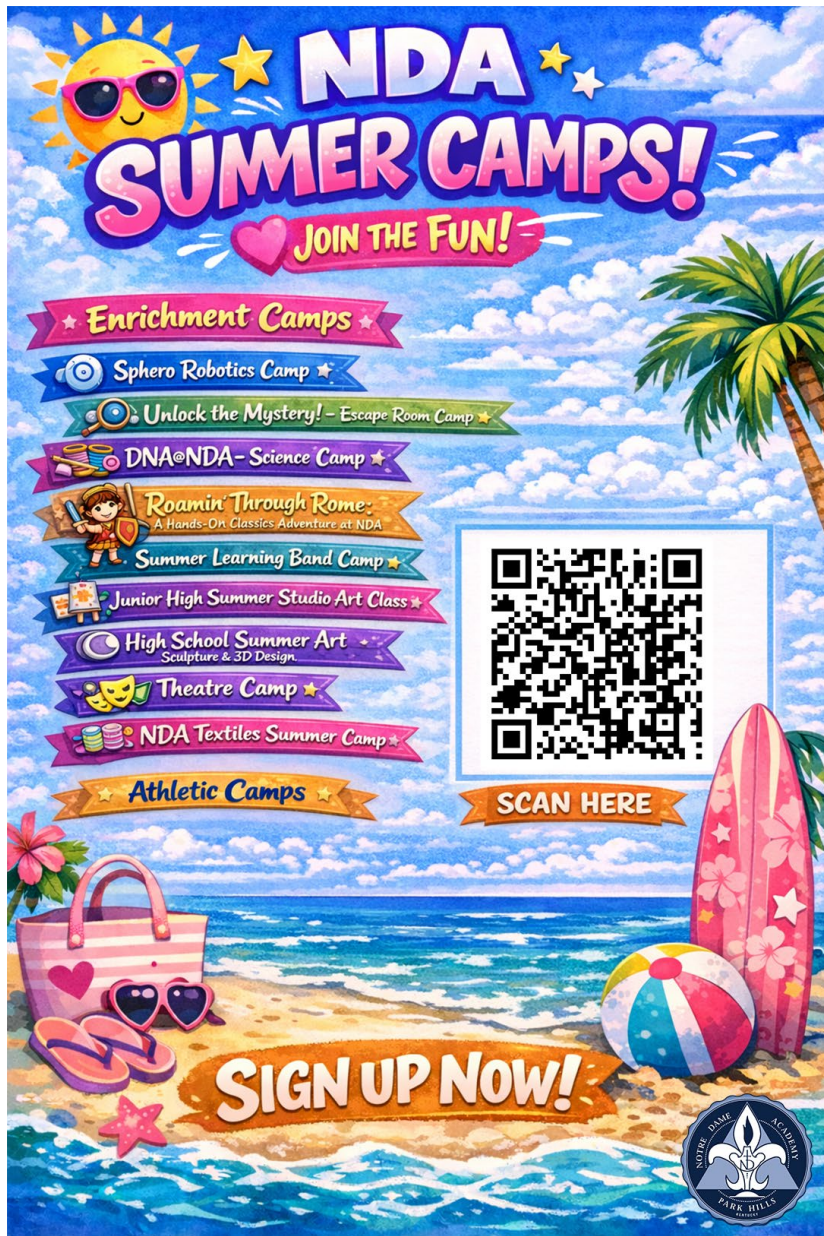


# YEARBOOK

ORDER TODAY

## YEARBOOK NEWS

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



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**

SAVE THE DATE  
**MAY 12 2026 5:30P**

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!

**Girl Up presents...**

# Feminine Hygiene Drive!

**to support the Ion Center for violence prevention!**

- **3 DOLLARS**
- **FEMININE PRODUCTS**
- **CANNED GOODS**

**Out of Uniform on  
Wednesday, April 15th!  
April 12th-17th**



## ADVENTURE AWAITS!

# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY IS HEADING TO SPAIN & PORTUGAL IN JUNE 2027

Experience the history, art, and beauty of the Iberian Peninsula with your classmates and NDA faculty chaperones as you journey from Lisbon to Barcelona. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to explore two amazing countries in one unforgettable trip!

Attendance at an info meeting isn't required — everyone's welcome! Click [here](#) to learn more and register. Any questions? Contact [Ms. Dooling](#) for more details.



## 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! And don't miss out on the new Edgar T-shirt! Visit the Bambootique in person or shop [ONLINE](#).

**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](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org). Remember you can always call the school office with any questions 859-261-4300.

## 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.

**Important Information  
from  
The Diocese of Covington**

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## PANDA ATHLETICS



### Archery

The Pandas' season came to a close on Saturday, 3/28, with a 6th-place team finish at the regional tournament. Individually, we had archers place 8th and 12th, and two of our athletes shot personal records this weekend!

While the team fell short of its goal to qualify for the KHSAA State Tournament, they should be proud of a season filled with growth and success. Over 75% of the team achieved personal bests this year—up from 50% last season. The program is clearly on the rise! Congratulations to all on a great season.

### Track and Field

The Pandas had a strong showing at the Hardin Valley Invitational, finishing 14th out of 45 teams from across Tennessee.

This week, the JV team competed Monday at Bishop Brossart in the JV Diocese Meet. On Wednesday, the team will participate in the Covington Catholic All-Comers Meet before a short spring break.

We look forward to hosting the Diocese Track Meet at NDA on April 16th.

### Lacrosse

Lacrosse earned several strong wins this past week. On Thursday (3/26), they defeated St. Henry 14–3.

On Saturday, they hosted George Washington High School (Charleston, WV) and narrowly lost 10–11. Later that day, they bounced back with a 12–5 victory over South Oldham.

On Monday, the Pandas secured another exciting win against Lexington Catholic, 13–12. After spring break, they will face Dixie Heights on 4/14.

### Softball

The Panda Fastpitch team continues to build momentum! On 3/27, they defeated Newport Central Catholic 9–2. They followed that with another strong performance against Grant County, winning 6–3 after a hard-fought game.

They are back in action tonight at Holmes and will host Villa Madonna at NDA on Wednesday (4/1). Over spring break, they will travel to Ludlow (4/6) and Conner (4/9). Good luck, Pandas!

### Tennis

Tennis has been busy, opening with matches against Cooper on 3/25. Last night, both Varsity and JV took on Campbell County. Tennis Pandas beat Campbell County High School 4-1.



**2026 Annual NDA Athletics Golf Outing**

Join us on June 5th at Kenton County for our Annual NDA Athletics Golf Outing!

You can register to play or sign up for a sponsorship using the QR code on the event flyer.

Come out for a fun day on the course while supporting NDA Athletics—we hope to see you there!



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**

**ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT  
GOLF OUTING**



**Kenton County Golf Course**

**5 JUNE, 2026**

**18 HOLES - 8AM - \$150**

**9 HOLES - 10AM - \$90**



**Scan the QR  
to register!**

# Advancing the Mission

## Alumnae Rosary



### JOIN US ALUMNAE ROSARY

On April 23, 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.

### 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. NOVEMBER 14



## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND



*Years of More*

### SUPPORTING THE NDA EXPERIENCE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND AND 120 YEARS OF MORE

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](#).

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

## Important dates

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 - Cathedral
April 18	Prom
April 23	Alumnae Rosary
April 26	Spring Band Concert at CCH
April 27-29	Girls Schools Unite Fundraiser
May 1	May Crowning Mass
May 2	Math and Language Placements Tests for Incoming Freshmen
May 4	AP Exams begin
May 6	Senior Pancake Breakfast
May 9	Senior Dinner Dance
May 12	Art Fest - Quilt Show
May 13	Academic Awards
May 14	Senior Luncheon
May 15	AP Exams End
May 15, 18	Senior Exams
May 16	Theatre Banquet
May 18-20	Exams
May 21	Alumnae Rosary Baccalaureate Mass
May 22	Senior Recognition Breakfast Graduation
June 5	NDA Golf Outing
June 18	Alumnae Rosary
June 19	Athletic Dead Period Begins