



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we near the end of the school year, our students and faculty are ready for a well-deserved summer break. Last week's Senior Luncheon and Send-Off gave us the opportunity to celebrate the Class of 2025 and all they've contributed to our community. It's always a bittersweet moment—honoring their growth and leadership while recognizing that their time at NDA is drawing to a close.

Tomorrow, we continue our end-of-year traditions with NDA's Annual Cleaning Day. This long-standing practice, initiated by the Sisters and faithfully led for many years by Sister Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel, is rooted in respect and responsibility. It reflects our belief that we all play a role in caring for the spaces we share. Seniors are exempt as they prepare for graduation, but all other students will report for their scheduled shift between 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.

Tomorrow evening, we will come together as a faith community for Baccalaureate Mass, and on Friday, we will celebrate Commencement. These events mark the culmination of a meaningful journey for our seniors and serve as a powerful reminder of our mission in action.

It's been a wonderful school year—full of academic achievement, creativity, tradition and community spirit. We've made a difference together.

As we look ahead, I invite you to help us continue making a difference by participating in our community surveys. Your feedback will help shape the future of Notre Dame Academy and ensure we remain rooted in faith and leading with vision. You'll find links to the surveys below:

[Student Survey \(May 2025\)](#)

[Family Survey \(May 2025\)](#)

Finally, please note that we will have one more edition of the Panda Press Weekly next week, which will include a wrap-up of graduation events and important summer information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Sending Off Our Seniors!



CONGRATULATIONS *Class of 2025!*

LEGACY, LEADERSHIP, AND LASTING BONDS HONORING THE CLASS OF 2025

Last Wednesday, the Notre Dame Academy community came together to celebrate a beloved tradition—Senior Send-Off. This special day honored the Class of 2025 and their remarkable journey over the past four years.

The morning began with a prayer service, inviting students, faculty, and staff to give thanks for the memories, milestones, and friendships that have shaped our seniors. Together, we reflected on the impact these young women have made in our halls, classrooms, and hearts.

Following the prayer service, our seniors were formally welcomed into the NDA Alumnae Association during the annual Alumnae Luncheon. At the luncheon, a few of our NDA alumnae on staff encouraged the graduates to carry forward the values and sisterhood that define an NDA woman.

The day concluded with our Senior Send-Off celebration, a joyful gathering that gave students and faculty the opportunity to share laughter, tears, and heartfelt farewells. As we honored the Class of 2025, we also recognized the deep and lasting mark they've left on our school community.

Congratulations, seniors! We are so proud of you—and we can't wait to see where your journey leads next.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SERVE THIS SUMMER

Summertime is a wonderful opportunity for Notre Dame Academy students to give back to the community while earning Blue Service Hours. Between now and the start of school in August, there are many events and programs that need high school volunteers—and your help can make a real difference.

The Upcoming Opportunities document will be updated all summer long. Save the link, check back often, and sign up when you're available to lend a hand!

In addition to school-connected events, we also encourage you to contact your parish. Many are hosting Vacation Bible Schools or summer festivals that rely on volunteer support. Service work completed at a church or parish counts as Blue Service Work and applies toward your annual requirement.

Mark your calendar—June 1 is the first day service hours begin counting toward next year's requirement. It's never too early to start!

Here are just a few opportunities coming up soon:

- St. Joseph Flea Market: May 31 – June 5
- Cross the Bridge for Life: June 1
- NDUEC Summer Program: June 2 – 26
- Early Childhood Funfest: June 20
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV): Multiple opportunities



We are proud of the ways our Pandas continue to serve others and live out their faith. Keep an eye on the list of service opportunities, and thank you in advance for making a positive impact this summer!

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF LAUDATO SI' WITH THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME

The SND USA Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office invites the Notre Dame Academy community to celebrate the 10th anniversary year of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on care for our Common Home.

From May 24–31, the JPIC Office is offering a week of reflection, prayer, study and action rooted in the themes of environmental stewardship and social justice. The celebration includes:

- Prayers for creation before and after meals
- A Creation Novena
- A Laudato Si' summer reading challenge
- A short video on the Sisters' upcoming solar project
- Advocacy opportunities through Catholic Climate Covenant

To honor this milestone, the Sisters of Notre Dame are asking everyone to share the flyer and resources with 10 others—friends, family members, classmates or colleagues—as a sign of support for God's beautiful creation.

You can access the flyer [HERE](#). Thank you for joining us in protecting and caring for our Common Home.

Student Life



FAITH, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY:

A VISIT WITH THE SISTERS

The sophomore class had the unique opportunity to tour the 4th floor, home to several Sisters of Notre Dame. Students got a glimpse into the lives and routines of the Sisters, learning more about their faith, service, and community from Sr. Anita Marie, Sr. Maria Francine Stacy, and Sr. Paul Ann. The visit offered meaningful insight into the heart and charism of the SND mission and fostered a deeper connection between students and the Sisters who shape our school's spirit.



NDA ALUMNA JOINS STAFF AS NEW SRO

WELCOME OFFICER RIGNEY

Notre Dame Academy is proud to welcome Officer Jodie Rigney, Class of 1993, as our new School Resource Officer (SRO). A retired Covington Police officer and current member of the Park Hills Police Department, Officer Rigney brings decades of experience in law enforcement and a deep personal connection to NDA.

Thanks to a generous gift from a past parent and longtime donor, Officer Rigney is spending the month of May on campus to get acclimated before the beginning of next school year. Her position for the 2025–2026 school year will be funded by a student fee.

Officer Rigney will lead NDA's crisis management team and coordinate all safety and emergency preparedness efforts, helping to ensure a secure and well-supported school environment.

We are incredibly blessed to have Officer Rigney back on campus. Her strong sense of mission, calm leadership, and Panda pride make her the perfect fit for this important role. Please join us in welcoming her home to Notre Dame Academy!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK HELPS SHAPE NDA'S FUTURE TAKE THE NDA SURVEY

As part of Notre Dame Academy's commitment to continuous improvement and mission-centered growth, students, families, and educators are invited to participate in a series of important surveys this May.

The Student Survey, Family Survey, and Educator Survey will help us gather feedback on academic programming, Catholic identity, school culture, and overall student experience. The results will be used to assess NDA's strengths and identify opportunities for growth, helping us ensure we remain rooted in faith and leading with vision.

Earlier this school year, students, alumnae, faculty, staff, and benefactors were also invited to participate in similar surveys. Together, this collective input is helping guide NDA's strategic direction and affirm our commitment to empowering young women to make a difference in the world.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to participate in this important process. Your voice matters, and we are grateful for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy!

Student Survey (May 2025)

Family Survey (May 2025)



AN NDA TRADITION CLEANING DAY

This Thursday, May 22 the Annual Cleaning Day will occur at NDA. This has been a long standing tradition initiated by the sisters and spearheaded by our very own Sister Paul Ann and Sister Rachel for years. The NDA philosophy is that we take care of and show respect for our building and that all students must contribute to the upkeep and cleaning of the school on this one day of the year. Seniors will be exempt from cleaning day as they practice and prepare for graduation. All other students should plan to report to school from 10:15 until 11:45 for their cleaning day shift. Assignments will be distributed by Mrs. Timmerding in the coming week. Thank you in advance for helping to continue this tradition.

IMPORTANT NEWS

TAKING YOUR DRIVING TEST THIS SUMMER?

If your daughter is taking her driving written test over the summer, please have her stop by the office to pick up the School Compliance Verification form. The school office will be having limited hours this summer.

PLEASE NOTE!



CELEBRATING NDA LEGACIES:

HELP US HONOR MULTI-GENERATION FAMILIES

NDA's Alumnae Office is preparing our annual feature for the summer edition of the Notre Damian which highlights the NDA families with multiple generations of graduates for our Seniors and Incoming Freshmen. In order to have your family legacy information included in the summer Notre Damian your response is requested by this Friday, May 23, 2025.

Class of 2025 Graduating Senior Families

Our seniors are asked to complete this [FORM](#) about your family's generations of NDA graduates by Friday, May 23. Please assist your daughter in completing this form so your family's NDA legacy will be included in the next Notre Damian. Thank you in advance for your responses and your help with this special project!

Class of 2029 Incoming Freshmen Families

Our incoming Freshmen families are asked to please complete this [FORM](#) about your family's generations of NDA graduates by Friday, May 23.

Thank you in advance for your responses! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley at MosleyL@ndapandas.org.

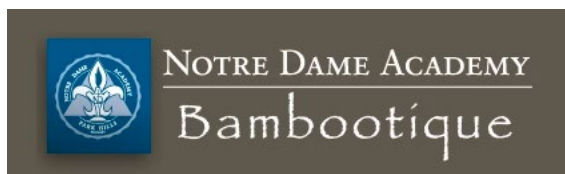
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE

As we near the end of the school year, we kindly ask parents to check their student's lunch account balance and ensure any outstanding amounts are paid in full.

For parents of seniors, if you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact [Karen Brungs](#) directly.

Thank you for your attention to this important end-of-year task!



NDA BAMBOOTIQUE

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

Great sales going on right now in the Bambootique. Get them while supplies last! Shop online [HERE](#).

NUMWORKS CALCULATOR REQUIRED FOR 2025–2026 MATH COURSES

Dear NDA Community,

In wrapping up the current 2024-2025 school year, the math department at Notre Dame Academy has also been reviewing our students' supplies list in preparation for next school year. You may recall that we highly encouraged the purchase of a NumWorks calculator in early August of last year, and we have found this device to be extremely beneficial for our students and their learning. With that being said, we wanted to communicate as early as possible to our families that **all students will be expected to have a NumWorks calculator for their math classes in the 2025-2026 academic year.**

For those who may be unfamiliar with NumWorks, it is a more modern and intuitive graphing calculator developed in collaboration with teachers and designed with today's students in mind. Inspired by the electronic devices that students use daily, this calculator's app-based design empowers them to explore and discover mathematics on their own. NDA's math department believes that equipping our students with this device will allow us to make math education accessible and approachable for all students.

The NumWorks graphing calculator is included on the list of permitted calculators for all College Board tests (PSAT, SAT, and AP) and it also meets the requirements for the ACT calculator policy. You can read more about exam compliance at <https://www.numworks.com/calculator/exams/>.

The NumWorks graphing calculator (intended to replace the TI-84) costs \$99, but there is also a FREE app version of the calculator for all phones, iPads, and laptops. The NDA math department was able to generate a discount code for any NDA students interested in purchasing this calculator at a discounted rate. More information about the NumWorks graphing calculator can be found at <https://www.numworks.com/>. We encourage you or your daughter to explore this option in preparation for the upcoming academic year.

Below is a 10% discount link that allows you to purchase a NumWorks graphing calculator for \$89.99 instead of the typical retail price of \$99.99. Please note that this link will expire on July 31st. All calculators purchased through this discount link will be shipped directly to school where students will receive their new calculators in their math classes.

https://my.numworks.com/group_orders/xb4ew3

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Thank you,

Leslie Litmer

NDA Math Department Chair

litmerl@ndapandas.org



SENIOR PARENTS

FINAL DAYS FOR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS!

Attention Senior parents! You can create recognition ads for your daughter for the 2025 NDA Yearbook beginning Thursday through June 7. Visit Jostens.com, click "My School Store" and select Notre Dame Academy to get started. Ads are easy and fun to create and start at just \$75.

REFLECTION OF GOD'S GRACE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Dear NDA Community,




Words cannot express the heartfelt thanks and gratitude we have for everyone in our NDA community who reached out via text, email or phone call, provided a meal or drinks, dropped off household supplies, sent a note of support, hung out with the kids, or just simply came over to sit, listen, and/or pray with us.

One never knows what the Good Lord has in store for us each morning when we awake; however, what we DO know is that He will be there to strengthen us through others. Each morning, we were greeted with Friendly Faces serving us in any way they could and each night, there were Friendly Faces to help us get through our daily grief by celebrating Randy through stories that made us laugh.

Randy gave 150% in everything he did; working as an electrical contractor, hunting and fishing, playing music, or just being with family and friends. We continue to honor him by doing the same. He will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

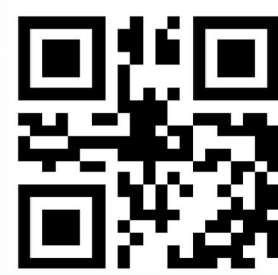
Love,
Angie, Mariah, Megan, Jordan, Joe and Martina






CONGRATULATIONS

• Graduates •



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to view our
commencement
photos.

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Attention Seniors



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 6 - 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.

INFO FOR CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR EVENTS INFO AND SENIOR BREAKFAST

Our celebration of Seniors has begun. A reference sheet was shared with students regarding all of the remaining events of the school year and special info about various days. This sheet (linked below) also includes information about students' attire for each event as that has been a burning question from all of them. In addition, there is a letter for parents which includes the registration link for the Senior Breakfast which will occur on May 23 at 8:30 at Receptions. Please see the letter and register; students do not need to register or pay.

Finally, we are very fortunate to have quite a few Blue Gown Girls to lead our graduates at the Graduation Ceremony. If there are conflicts and a Blue Gown Girl can no longer attend, please inform Mrs. Litmer and Mrs. Heidrich immediately so they can plan accordingly.

We look forward to celebrating these incredible young women as they soon become the NDA Class of 2025.

[SENIOR CLASS End of Year Reminders 2025.pdf](#)

[Senior Breakfast 2025.docx.pdf](#)

Attention
Class of 2025!

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.



Important Dates for 2025-26!

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

NEW EVENT! SAVE THE DATE!

Class of 2029 PaNDAs! Mark your calendar for the afternoon of Friday, August 8 for the Class of 2029 PaNDA FunFest! This event (that is just for our incoming freshmen) will begin immediately after Freshman Orientation and will start with lunch (provided by NDA), followed by an afternoon of fun, games, and entertainment! This will be a GREAT chance to get to know your classmates better and celebrate the Class of 2029! More details will follow as we finalize the schedule this summer. Stay tuned!

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

ART FEST!



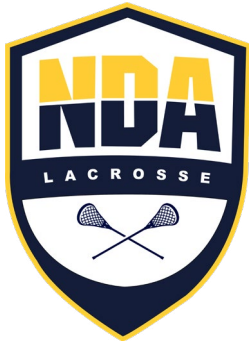
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Tennis -

Your tennis team won a tough battle to capture the team Regional Championship! The team will be off to the state tournament June 2 - 4th to take on the winner of Region 15.



Lacrosse -

Our lacrosse teams completed their historical season. They made it to the semifinals of the first ever KHSAA State Championship. They lost a close match to Saye 10 - 8. We are so proud of this team and all the records they set!



Softball -

Softball has claimed the District 35 championship and will begin the Regional play at Notre Dame on May 25 at 12:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. We can't wait to watch the team as they pursue a regional championship!



Track and Field -


Track and Field is competing in the regional championship today! We have several young ladies who have qualified for the State tournament already. We wish them luck today at Regionals!

Summer camps -

We have several sports camps going on this summer. Please check out these opportunities at this link:

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/summer-camps>


HURRY! Limited space left in the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department Golf Outing! You can register here!
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/HOV/>



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

GOLF OUTING





Kenton County Golf Course

6 JUNE, 2025

18 HOLES - 8AM - \$150

9 HOLES - 10AM - \$90




**Scan the QR
to register!**

This is the last week to get your daughter a personalized flag through a golf sponsorship! Please consider a flag or tee sponsorship.



**GRADES
K - 3
&
4 - 9**



**NOTRE DAME
ACADEMY**

RUNNING CAMP

Grades K-3
8:30 am - 10:00am

Grades 4-8
10:15am - 12:15pm
\$85





**JUNE
17 - 19
2025**

Register

<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/summer-camps>

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY PANDAS
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BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP



GRADE 2ND-4TH
JUNE 9 - JUNE 12 @9:00-11:00

GRADE 5TH-7TH
JUNE 9 - JUNE 12 @12:00-2:00

**REGISTER
NOW**

COST \$75

[HTTPS://WWW.NDAPANDAS.ORG/ATHLETICS/SUMMER-CAMPS](https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/summer-camps)

**NOTRE
DAME
ACADEMY**

**TAKE YOUR
BASKETBALL
SKILLS TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**



COACHES

KES MURPHY
VANESSA LAUG
KEITH JOHNSON
MARTY RANKIN
JONATHAN NELSON
KATE MOORE
BOB PAULY

NDA 2025 ARCHERY SUMMER CAMP



<https://www.ndapandas.org/athletics/summer-camps>

WE PRACTICE 4 DAYS A WEEK MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED, JUST COME OUT AND HAVE FUN
DURING THE SEASON OUR TOURNAMENTS ARE USUALLY ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

ARCHERY CAMPS:

4TH - 5TH GRADE \$75
JUNE 16TH - 18TH 9:00-11:00AM

5TH - 8TH GRADE \$75
JUNE 16TH - 18TH 1:00-3:00PM

HEAD COACH: CRAIG HOERST
ASSISTANT COACH: CHIP BOERTLEIN
MEGAN PAOLUCCI




CCH & NDA BOWLING CAMP

JOIN THE

2025 REGION 6 CHAMPIONS & KENTUCKY STATE RUNNERS-UP

COVINGTON CATHOLIC COLORNELS & NOTRE DAME PANDAS BOWLING TEAMS

BOWLING - GAMES - FOOD - PRIZES

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Register here at **WALTS CENTER LANES, NEWPORT**



\$20.00 per person








LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! Notre Dame Academy's Light the Night for NDA is set for October 4 from 6 p.m.–10 p.m. at The Madison Event Center. This unforgettable evening is our largest fundraiser of the year, supporting the students and mission of NDA. Mark your calendars. If you want to get involved or help support please reach out to Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org or one of our chairs, Tracy Stacy, Laura Mauller or Heather Ramsey.



SHARING OUR

Community News

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

- AI and Applied Mathematics Summer Camp
- Tech Recycling

Important dates

May 21	Class of 2025 Picture - NDA Field at 11:45
May 22	Last Day of School
	Cleaning Day 10:15 a.m.
	Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes 7:00 p.m.
May 23	End of Fourth Quarter
	Senior Breakfast - Receptions
	Graduation
June 6	NDA Golf Outing
June 20 - July 9	Athletic Dead Period
August 12	First Day of School!