



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Panda Families,

As we officially close the 2025-26 school year, my heart is filled with gratitude, pride and joy for our Notre Dame Academy community.

This year has been an incredible blessing and one I will always treasure as my first year serving as principal of Notre Dame Academy. It has been a year filled with faith, growth, sisterhood, celebration and countless moments that reminded me just how special NDA truly is.

Throughout this year, our school theme, *“Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly, Serve Boldly, Shine with Grace,”* challenged us to live our faith each day through compassion, humility, courage and service to others. I have witnessed that spirit alive in our students in so many ways - in classrooms, on retreats, on athletic fields and stages, through service projects, leadership opportunities and the everyday kindness shown within our halls.

As we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026 last week, I was reminded once again of the transformative power of a Notre Dame Academy education. Watching our graduates walk across the stage as confident young women prepared to make a difference in the world was both joyful and emotional. They leave NDA carrying with them the faith, values and sisterhood rooted in the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our faculty and staff for their dedication and love for our students, to our parents for your partnership and trust, and most importantly to our students for making this year so meaningful and memorable.

As summer begins, I hope your family finds time for rest, renewal, prayer and joyful moments together. Even though school is out, our Panda community remains connected. During the summer months, Panda Press Weekly will shift from a weekly publication to periodic summer editions, shared as needed throughout June, July and August, to share important updates, reminders, celebrations and information as we prepare for another wonderful school year together.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy and for helping make this such a wonderful school year. It has truly been an honor to walk this journey together.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



FAITH IN ACTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE SERVICE

A list of 2026/27 Service Requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#). These were shared with our students over the past few weeks in their Religion Class. Students can begin their 26/27 service requirements beginning on June 1, 2026.

A list of any Upcoming Service Opportunities that are shared with the Campus Ministry Office can be found [here](#). This list will be kept up to date during the summer months as well.

PLEASE JOIN US! ALUMNAE ROSARY

Notre Dame Academy alumnae are invited to return to campus this summer for the NDA Alumnae Rosary, a special opportunity to gather in faith and fellowship with fellow NDA women.

The summer rosary gatherings will take place on the following dates:

June 18

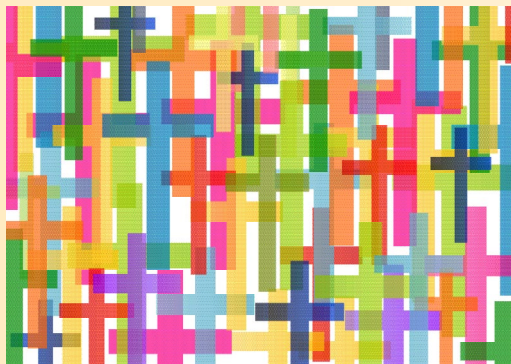
July 16

August 20

Our summer Alumnae Rosaries will be held outdoors on campus weather permitting or in the chapel if there is rain.

Whether you are a recent graduate or a longtime alumna, the Alumnae Rosary is a beautiful way to reconnect with the Academy, spend time in prayer and celebrate the lifelong bonds of the NDA sisterhood.

All are welcome!



Alumnae
Rosary



Graduation!

SENIOR TRADITIONS

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

The final days of the school year were filled with meaningful traditions, celebrations and milestones as Notre Dame Academy honored the Class of 2026 and celebrated their journey from students to alumnae.

The celebrations began with the annual Baccalaureate Mass, where seniors gathered with family, friends, faculty and staff for one final celebration of faith and sisterhood before graduation. During the ceremony, Salutatorian Linda France delivered a heartfelt reflection encouraging her classmates to embrace lives rooted in faith, love and purpose.

The celebration continued with the annual Senior Breakfast and Awards Ceremony, which recognized the many accomplishments of the graduating class. The morning opened with a beautiful prayer led by School Co-Presidents Teagan Kruer and Lila Harris. Seniors were honored for academic achievement, leadership, service and involvement throughout their four years at NDA. Members of the Class of 2026 earned more than \$12.2 million in scholarships and completed more than 16,000 hours of service during their time at Notre Dame Academy.

During the breakfast, Hope Dierker was named the recipient of the prestigious Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award. The award recognizes a senior who exemplifies the mission and heritage of the Sisters of Notre Dame through academic excellence, faith, service, leadership and commitment to Gospel values. As part of the honor, the recipient's name is recorded in a special book kept at the Sisters of Notre Dame Motherhouse in Rome, Italy.

The week culminated with Notre Dame Academy's 118th Commencement Ceremony as graduates officially became the newest alumnae of NDA. Senior Class Presidents Phoebe Desch and Ella Nienaber opened the ceremony by reflecting on the memories, friendships and sisterhood shared by the Class of 2026. Valedictorian Jacie Hail then delivered an inspiring address encouraging her classmates to focus not only on accomplishments, but on the relationships, faith and moments that truly shape a meaningful life.

Throughout the week's celebrations, the Class of 2026 reflected the mission of Notre Dame Academy and the enduring spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As these graduates begin new journeys in college, careers and service, they leave NDA prepared to continue making a difference in the world.



NDA Celebrates 120 Years!



120 YEARS OF PANDA PRIDE ON PARADE

NDA CELEBRATES SISTERHOOD, SERVICE AND TRADITION AT PARK HILLS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Notre Dame Academy proudly celebrated 120 years of educating women to make a difference during the Park Hills Memorial Day Parade as alumnae, students, families, faculty, staff and friends came together to honor NDA's rich history and bright future.

Filled with Panda pride, smiles and school spirit, the NDA community celebrated the enduring traditions of faith, leadership, sisterhood and service that have shaped generations of women since 1906.



Thank you to everyone who marched, decorated, carried signs, cheered along the route and helped make this special celebration so meaningful. Here's to 120 years of NDA — and so much more still to come!



Student Life

NDA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



DATES	DAYS AND TIMES
 May 26 - May 29	Tuesday - Friday (7:30 - 1:00)
 June 1 - June 19	Monday - Thursday (9:00 - 12:00) ** Closed Fridays **
 June 22 - July 9	Dead Period - Office is Closed
 July 10 - August 7	Monday - Thursday (9:00 - 12:00) ** Closed Fridays **
 August 10 - August 17	Monday - Friday (7:30 - 3:30)

Have a great summer! 



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DRIVER'S TEST REMINDER

If your daughter will be taking her written driving test over the summer, please have her stop by the office before the end of this week. Office hours are limited during the summer, and we would hate for her to miss out on this important milestone because she was unable to get the necessary paperwork.

AN NDA TRADITION CLEANING DAY

Last week, Notre Dame Academy students continued one of NDA's most cherished traditions — Cleaning Day. Rooted in the example of the Sisters of Notre Dame and lovingly led for many years by Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken, SND, and Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone, SND, this longstanding tradition reflects the pride, respect and stewardship that are hallmarks of the NDA community.

Our students in grades 9-11 did a wonderful job caring for the Academy and working together to prepare the building for summer. From classrooms and hallways to shared spaces throughout campus, their hard work and positive spirit were truly appreciated.

Thank you to our students and faculty for continuing this meaningful Notre Dame Academy tradition of service, community pride and caring for the place we proudly call home.



Thank you
Pandas!



FIESTANKY TUTORING PROGRAM

NDA STUDENTS SHARE FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

Congratulations and thank you to the Notre Dame Academy Spanish students who spent Wednesdays this spring tutoring Spanish-speaking primary school children through FiestaNKY.

Throughout April and May, NDA students provided one-on-one support and encouragement to the young learners, helping them build confidence and strengthen their skills in a caring and welcoming environment. On several occasions, additional NDA students also volunteered their time to provide English lessons for the children's mothers, further reflecting the spirit of service and compassion that defines the NDA community.

The little ones were inspired and charmed by our students, and the experience was meaningful for everyone involved.

The tutoring program will continue throughout the summer. Any interested parents or students who would like more information are encouraged to contact Sr. Maria Francine Stacy at stacymf@ndapandas.org.





Summer Camps at Notre Dame Academy

This summer, explore new interests, build skills and make new friends in a fun, faith-filled environment.

From Arts to Athletics to STEM, there's something for everyone at NDA!

Offerings vary by camp. Visit our website for full details.

REGISTER TODAY AT
ndapandas.org
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Educating Women to Make a Difference

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!

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



ROBOTICS IS COMING TO NDA!

NEW ROBOTICS CLUB TO LAUNCH INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Notre Dame Academy is excited to announce the launch of a new Robotics Club for the 2026-27 school year!

Students participating in the club will have the opportunity to design, build, program and compete while exploring the exciting world of robotics and engineering. The club will focus on teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and innovation as students work together on hands-on projects and challenges.

In addition to gaining valuable STEM experience, students can also earn a one-half credit through participation in the club.

The new program reflects NDA's continued commitment to innovation and preparing young women to lead in an ever-changing technological world. Students interested in robotics are encouraged to complete the interest form shared through the QR code to the right and Google Form found [HERE](#).



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NDA!

INNOVATE.
BUILD.
INSPIRE.

Get ready to design, build, program, and compete as we launch an exciting new chapter of innovation at **NDA!**

EARN A 1/2 CREDIT THROUGH THIS CLUB!

BIG THINGS ARE BUILDING!

TEAMWORK MAKES US STRONGER | **TECHNOLOGY SHAPES OUR FUTURE** | **CHALLENGE DRIVES GROWTH** | **CREATE SOMETHING AMAZING**

BE PART OF THE FUTURE.
BE PART OF ROBOTICS.

FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

2026-2027 CALCULATOR REQUIREMENTS FOR NDA

Dear Incoming Freshman:

As the 2025-2026 school year nears the end, the math department at Notre Dame Academy would like to communicate that all students will be expected to have a NumWorks calculator for their math classes in the 2026-2027 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 allows 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 (replacing the previously used TI-84) costs \$124.99. 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 to explore this option in preparation for the upcoming academic year. There is a NumWorks app that can be downloaded for free onto a device for additional exploration and operates exactly like the device itself.

Below is a discount link that allows you to purchase a NumWorks graphing calculator for \$92.99 instead of the typical retail price of \$124.99. **Please note that this link will expire on July 31.**

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://discountlink.numworks.com/xb4ew3-1>

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



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 was requested by Friday, May 15, 2026, however, if you did not submit this information yet, please do so by May 27.

Class of 2026 Graduating Senior Families

Our seniors are asked to complete this [FORM](#) about your family's generations of NDA graduates by Friday, May 15. 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!

YEARBOOK

ORDER TODAY

YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS ON SALE!

Attention parents of Seniors, We know you are incredibly proud of your daughter, why not celebrate her in the NDA yearbook? Senior ads are now on sale for the next month, with prices starting at just \$75! This is a great way to honor your senior while also supporting the Notre Dame Academy yearbook program. To create your ad, visit jostens.com and search for Notre Dame Academy. If you have any questions, please contact glynnr@ndapandas.org. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate your senior's accomplishments and memories!



ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR AHEAD

NDA AND CCH THEATRE SEASON ANNOUNCED

The wait is over, theatre Pandas and Colonels — our 2026-27 season has officially been announced, and we could not be more excited! Whether you dream of being on stage, working behind the scenes or cheering from the audience, there is a place for you in NDA/CCH Theatre.

2026-27 Season:

Footloose | November 20-22, 2026

Student Showcase: "Showstoppers" | January 8-10, 2027

Our Town | March 18-22, 2027

Incoming freshmen: audition and crew information will be shared this summer!

Break a leg, and have a wonderful summer!

ATTENTION JUNIORS!

CLASS OF 2027 SENIOR PORTRAIT INFORMATION

Attention rising seniors and families! It's time to begin planning for senior portraits for the Class of 2027.

Notre Dame Academy partners with Prestige Portraits for official senior yearbook photos. All seniors must be photographed by Prestige Portraits in order to appear in the yearbook. The yearbook deadline for senior portraits is October 9, 2026.

Prestige Portraits is currently offering summer pricing specials for the Essential Session:

- \$10 in June
- \$15 in July
- \$20 in August

The Essential Session includes the required yearbook portrait plus two additional outfit changes of your choice, including casual, formal, sports, indoor, or outdoor looks.

Appointments are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Families are encouraged to schedule early for the best pricing and appointment availability.

Prestige Portraits
536 Centre View Blvd., Building #20
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
(859) 578-0110

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Only \$30

\$10 June
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Don't wait! Limited appointments available first come first served.

Essential Session includes
Yearbook requirement **PLUS**
2 more outfits of your choice:
Casual, Formal, Sports,
Indoor or Outdoor
all in one stop!

Need more outfits?
No problem, upgrade to the
Most Popular Session for \$10 more
OR
Ultimate Session for \$20 more



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Requirements

Drape

Drapes provided by studio. Pearls available if needed.

Deadline

photographed by
10/9/2026

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS

Good luck to all of our Pandas competing in their Postseason this week!

Softball

NDA Softball will play in the semifinals of the 9th Region Tournament TODAY at 5:30 PM at Thomas More! The Pandas will take on Highlands with a trip to the championship game on the line. Let's Go Pandas!

Track & Field

Track & Field wrapped up an outstanding state meet with impressive performances across the board! The Pandas had 14 qualifiers competing in 12 of the 18 state events.

Special recognition goes to our medalists:

Norah Barker — 5th place in the 1600 Meter Run

Sabrina Lenna — 7th place in Pole Vault

Ava Pugh — 8th place in Pole Vault



Congratulations to all of our state qualifiers on an incredible season!



Summer Camps

Registration is now open for summer camps:

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

2026 Annual NDA Athletics Golf Outing

This is the final week to register for the NDA Athletics Department Golf Outing, which supports all 12 Panda athletic programs! Come out and enjoy a great day of golf, fun, and support for NDA Athletics!

Don't forget to register for the NDA Athletics Golf Outing: [register here.](#)

We would love to see you there!

A promotional banner for the NDA Athletics Golf Outing. The background is blue with a white golf ball on a tee in the foreground. The text is in white and yellow. It includes the event name, date, location, hole count, cost, and registration information. A yellow button says "REGISTER TODAY".

NDA ATHLETICS GOLF OUTING

June 5, 2026 - Kenton County Golf Courses
18 holes - \$150 - 8:00 Shotgun or/9 holes - \$90 - 10:30am - Shotgun
Sign up today! Click the link below to register
Mail a check: NDA, 1699 Hilton Dr. Park Hills, KY 41011 with this form:
<https://forms.gle/Z4yCKPpYwBuZoxuq7>

REGISTER TODAY



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Support Group for Separated and Divorced
- FREE In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops
- World Youth Day 2027, Seoul, South Korea

Important dates

June 5	NDA Golf Outing
June 7-11	SND Rural Healthcare Summer Experience
June 7-15	NDA Pandas Travel to France
June 10	Incoming Freshman Meet and Greet
June 18	Alumnae Rosary
June 19	Athletic Dead Period Begins
July 16	Incoming Freshman Service Project
	Alumnae Rosary
August 3-7	iPad Orientation
August 10-13	Incoming Freshman Bridge Program
August 13	Parent Welcome Back Night
August 14	Incoming Freshman/New Student Orientation and FunFest
August 18	First Day of School
August 20	Alumnae Rosary