



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*

# Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter of the school year. I appreciate you taking the time to read the information that has been presented each week. Communication is a very important component of our partnership in your daughter's education.

I am grateful to our faculty, staff, students and parents for all they have done to make the 2024-25 school year such a success. I am amazed how willing you, our parents, are to help and contribute to NDA. Your generosity of time, talent and treasure is often reflected by the actions of your daughters.

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2025. As a class, they earned nearly \$18 million dollars in scholarships. An incredible 50% of them received offers of half tuition or more to the school they are attending in the fall. They have been well prepared academically and they have been empowered spiritually. I have no doubt that these young women will make a tremendous difference in the world!

I would also like to congratulate Josie Bozeman on receiving the 2025 NDA Distinguished Graduate Award from the Sisters of Notre Dame. This is a well deserved honor as Josie is certainly an outstanding witness to a Notre Dame Academy education.

We have had an amazing school year at NDA focusing on how to *Love God. Love Others. Change the World!* As we begin our summer break, we give thanks for the many ways in which God's Goodness and Provident Care have blessed our school this year. It is clear to me, and I hope to each of you, that at NDA, we are part of a tradition larger than any one of us, a strong academic tradition of empowering young women to make a difference in the world. Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

Our next Panda Press Weekly will be June 18 and will contain more information regarding the start of next school year.

I wish you and your family a blessed and safe summer.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf

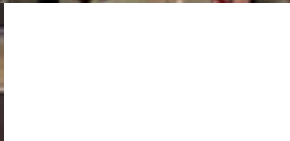


**Have a great day and make good choices!**

# Congratulations Class of 2025!







# Student Life

## Summer Office Hours at NDA

May 27 - 30 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 2 - 19 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

June 20 - July 9 | **CLOSED** - Dead Period

July 10 - August 1 | Mon. - Thurs. | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The School Office will be closed on Fridays in July.

August 4 - 11 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

See you  
Tuesday,  
August 12  
for the first day  
of school!



## TURNING 16 THIS SUMMER?

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

## SCHOOL COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION LETTER

If your daughter is turning 16 years old during the summer months, please have them stop by the office to pick up a School Driving Compliance Verification letter before May 31. The office has modified summer hours and cannot guarantee that someone will be available to hand it out.



### DON'T FORGET

## PLEASE CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE

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



# VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

IT'S TIME TO VOTE

## LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athlete of the Week. You can vote [here](#). Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Notre Dame Academy softball – After beating Holy Cross to win the 35th District on Monday, they beat Conner on Sunday in the Ninth Region quarterfinals.

Addison Zinser, softball – The sophomore went 2-for-3 and scored two runs in the 35th District championship game, then had three hits, scored two runs and stole a base in the first round of the Ninth Region tournament.

Ella Goetz, track and field –The senior recorded a new shot-put personal best of 39 feet, 8 inches to win the Class 3A, Region 5 title. She also took fourth place in the discus and sixth place in the long jump.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!



THANK YOU PANDAS!

## CLEANING DAY TRADITION

Last week, students at Notre Dame Academy rolled up their sleeves and got to work for our annual Cleaning Day—a long-standing tradition that brings the Panda community together in service and stewardship.

From scrubbing desks and organizing classrooms to washing windows and wiping down lockers, students tackled every corner of the building with energy and enthusiasm. Cleaning Day is more than just a day of chores—it's a celebration of school pride and a reflection of our core values: responsibility, community, and care for our shared spaces.

Rooted in tradition, Cleaning Day stretches back decades at NDA. Alumnae often recall it as a memorable part of their time here—one that fostered camaraderie and a sense of ownership. We're proud to see today's students carry it forward with the same spirit and dedication.

Thank you to all of our students, faculty, and staff who pitched in to make NDA shine!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Congratulations on your daughter's graduation!

In addition to checking your PayPam account, please take a moment to check Facts account. When you pay off the Pams account, close it so it does not put more money into the account. If you have any questions about the lunch account, you can contact Mrs. Brungs ([brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org)). For information about Facts account, you can contact Marilyn Slaughter ([slaughter@ndapandas.org](mailto:slaughter@ndapandas.org)).

**As stated in the NDA Handbook, all tuition and financial obligations must be taken care of before records are released to the student and other institutions. Please take care of these obligations by graduation so that you can enjoy all the celebrations.**

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS

### UNIFORMS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

Notre Dame Academy has a school uniform that consists of:

- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must be the proper size and length, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains. **Please note: Skirt should extend below student's fingertips when arms are fully extended at one's side.**
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- solid white, gray, black or navy blue socks
- appropriate shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard

Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy cardigan sweater
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweater vest
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue Notre Dame Academy fleece
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- gray, black, or navy blue leggings that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle
- black dress slacks for designated events



If you need to purchase new uniform pieces for next school year, visit Schoolbelles' website at <http://www.schoolbelles.com/myschool/M37/s1935> to purchase.



## COME EARLY FOR THE BEST SELECTION

### GENTLY USED UNIFORM SALE

The "gently used" uniform and spirit wear sale will happen on Tuesday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the NDA lobby. First come, first served. Families are asked to make a monetary donation in exchange for the uniform/spirit wear items. All donations go to the Sisters of Notre Dame 4th of July Festival.

# YEARBOOK

## SENIOR PARENTS

### FINAL DAYS FOR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION ADS!

Attention Senior parents! You can create recognition ads for your daughter for the 2025 NDA Yearbook through June 7. Visit [Jostens.com](https://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.



Whether you are



or you are just looking for

Something Fun

to do this summer,

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

has all sorts of

opportunities for you!

[www.ndapandas.org](https://www.ndapandas.org)

## SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT NDA

### ENRICHMENT CAMPS OFFER ART, STEM, MUSIC AND MORE!

Looking for ways to stay creative, active and inspired this summer? Notre Dame Academy is offering a wide range of summer enrichment opportunities for students of all interests—from art and music to STEM and athletics. Whether you're a computer whiz, an aspiring artist, a future engineer, or just looking for a fun and enriching way to spend your summer days, NDA has something for you!

#### Visual Arts Camps

##### High School Character Design and World Building

July 14–18 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Open to all current NDA students

Students will explore character design through drawing, storytelling, and painting in this one-week creative intensive. Camp includes supplies, instruction, and a custom t-shirt. Cost: \$350. [Register](#) Contact: [fleuryh@ndapandas.org](mailto:fleuryh@ndapandas.org)

#### STEM Camp

##### Robotics with Sphero BOLT

June 23–26 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Ages 9–14 | Girls and Boys

Unleash your creativity and dive into the world of robotics and coding with the Sphero BOLT! This hands-on camp will teach campers how to control their own robot, use its vibrant LED light matrix for fun displays, and communicate with other robots using infrared technology. Perfect for both beginners and those with coding experience, this camp will challenge all skill levels with exciting projects and activities. Whether you're new to coding or looking to expand your skills, you'll have a blast while learning valuable STEM concepts. [Register here.](#) Cost: \$200. Contact: Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org) with questions.

#### Music Enrichment

##### Learn a Band Instrument (Free!)

Grades 7–12 | Mondays at 7:00–8:15 p.m. | Starting June 2

Join the NDA/CCH Summer Learning Band and learn a band instrument—no experience necessary! Instruments are provided. Contact Mr. Greg Cerimele at [cerimeleg@ndapandas.org](mailto:cerimeleg@ndapandas.org) for details and rehearsal updates.

You can find more information as well as registration information on Summer Enrichment Programs at NDA [HERE](#).



## 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



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



## NOMINATION FORMS

### PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

Each year, the volleyball players from Notre Dame Academy and St. Henry join forces to support a cause close to our hearts: breast cancer awareness. This collaborative effort not only raises funds but also spreads awareness about this important issue.

During this special event, we honor a cancer survivor and present the Playing for a Purpose scholarship to a deserving individual. You can find the nomination forms for both here:

[Cancer Survivor Nomination Form](#)

[Playing for a Purpose Scholarship Recipient Nomination Form](#)





## 103 YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN CELEBRATE THE SND'S

The Sisters of Notre Dame are preparing for a joyful and memorable celebration at this year's 4th of July Festival. This year holds special significance, as it marks not only the 103rd anniversary of this beloved festival—but also its final year.

We look forward to honoring the legacy of this festival one last time, with deep gratitude for the many memories shared over the decades. Money raised helps support the SND-sponsored education and health-care ministries, vocation/young adult ministry and our Global missions.

Mark your calendars and gather your friends and family—Friday, July 4, 2025, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



## 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](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org) or one of our chairs, Tracy Stacy, Laura Mauller or Heather Ramsey.

## Important dates

June 6	NDA Golf Outing
June 12	Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!
June 20 - July 9	Athletic Dead Period
July 10	Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!
July 28 - August 1	iPad Orientation for incoming Freshmen
August 7	Parent Welcome Back Night for all grade levels
August 12	First Day of School!
August 15	No School - Feast of the Assumption