



## Dear Panda Families,

I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start and that you are finding time to relax, recharge and enjoy special moments with family and friends.

Although our hallways are quieter during the summer months, there is still plenty of activity taking place at NDA. Students are participating in camps, preparing for fall athletics, serving our community and getting ready for another exciting school year. Throughout this issue, you will find opportunities for students to stay engaged, from service projects and volunteer opportunities to summer camps and preparations for the 2026-2027 school year.

As we continue to live our theme, Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly. Serve Boldly. Shine with Grace., I encourage our students to look for ways to use their gifts to make a difference this summer. Whether through service, leadership, faith formation or simply helping a neighbor in need, every act of kindness reflects the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

Please take a few moments to review the important reminders included in this edition of Panda Press Weekly, including FinalForms updates, summer activities and upcoming dates for August.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of NDA. We look forward to welcoming our students back to campus in just a few short weeks.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and as always, Walk in Faith!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



# FAITH IN ACTION

START EARNING YOUR 2026-2027 SERVICE HOURS TODAY

## SERVE WITH PURPOSE THIS SUMMER

Summer is a wonderful time to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends, but it is also a great opportunity to live out NDA's mission through service to others!

Throughout the summer, NDA's Campus Minister, Mrs. Bridget Price, will continue to share volunteer opportunities for students looking to make a difference in our community while working toward their service goals for the 2026-2027 school year. All opportunities will be posted on the [Upcoming Opportunities Page](#), along with information about whether the activity qualifies for Gold or Blue service hours.

As of June 1, all service hours may be applied toward your 2026-2027 service requirement, making summer the perfect time to get a head start.

Current opportunities include:

- Notre Dame Urban Education Center Summer Session (Gold)
- Fire in the Hills, City of Villa Hills (Blue)
- St. Charles Community Block Party (Gold)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - (Gold Hours)
- St. Vincent De Paul (Gold Hours)
- Carmel Manor (Gold Hours)
- Emergency Cold Shelter of NKY (Gold Hours)
- Madonna Manor (Gold hours)
- Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati (Gold Hours)
- Behringer- Crawford Museum (Blue Hours)



As a reminder, you will need both the name and official email address of your supervisor when logging service hours. Even if you receive a signature, MobileServe requires an email address for verification. This should be an official agency or organization email address, not a personal email account.

Service is one of the many ways we put our faith into action and make a positive impact in the lives of others. We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities and use your gifts to serve our community this summer.

If you have questions about whether an opportunity qualifies as a Gold or Blue activity, please reach out to [Mrs. Price](#). We are always happy to help!

# 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) <b>** Closed Fridays **</b>
 June 22 - July 9	Dead Period - Office is Closed
 July 10 - August 7	Monday - Thursday (9:00 - 12:00) <b>** Closed Fridays **</b>
 August 10 - August 17	Monday - Friday (7:30 - 3:30)

*Have a great summer!* 



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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### END OF YEAR REPORT CARDS EMAILED

The end of year report cards were emailed on Monday, June 8. As usual the report cards were password protected with the student number. If you did not receive one, please note that report cards and transcripts are withheld and the PowerSchool accounts disabled for anyone with outstanding balances owed at the end of the year. You may also need to check your email trash/ SPAM folder if you have not seen the report card. You may contact the school office during the summer hours of Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. until noon at (859) 261-4300 for clarification about why the report card may be on hold. Or, you can reach out directly to Raymond Schlosser at [schlosserr@ndapandas.org](mailto:schlosserr@ndapandas.org) for an explanation of a hold or if you have any questions about the information that appears on the final report card. Report cards were sent only by email this quarter because of the increased familiarity with digital documents and the rising cost of postage. But, if for some reason such as car insurance, you would need an official, printed report card, we will be happy to send one upon request.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# FINAL FORMS ACCOUNTS

### FINALFORMS UPDATES REQUIRED FOR 2026-2027

Notre Dame Academy partners with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service which allows you to complete and sign forms for your daughter(s) online. FinalForms saves data from year-to-year, meaning you will never need to enter the same information twice! You may review your data at any time throughout the year to verify that it is current. All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by July 9, 2026 (if participating in athletics) or by the first day of school. FinalForms is active now and if support is needed, please contact the school office.

Students who want to participate in athletics must upload a valid, signed KHSAA physical form in Final Forms before participating in any athletic activities, including conditioning workouts, open gyms and tryouts for all sports. The KHSAA physical form can be found [HERE](#). If you do not have a FinalForms account, please create one account at:

<https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com>

and follow the prompts to create the parent account, begin your daughter's account and sign your forms. Your daughter's NDA gmail must be used when setting up her account. Once the parent/guardian creates the account, the student will be prompted in her NDA email to submit her forms. Please note: if you have already turned in your daughter's immunization record, you do not need to upload it separately. School personnel will upload it for you.

If a NDA student is struggling to login, click on the button "Login with Google." The username and password should then be recognized.

If you already have an account for a current NDA student and need to add another daughter: Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to add another student to your account and make any updates for your returning student.

Make sure you are updating information for the 26-27 school year. If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Stacey Turner at [turners@ndapandas.org](mailto:turners@ndapandas.org).

# GOT BAGS?



## WE NEED YOUR HELP

# FRESHMEN SERVICE PROJECT TO SUPPORT MERCY MATS INITIATIVE

On Thursday, July 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, members of the Class of 2030 will partner with St. Elizabeth Community Health & Partnership Department to create Mercy Mats for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community.

Mercy Mats are woven from recycled plastic shopping bags and provide a durable, waterproof sleeping mat for those in need. This hands-on service project gives our newest Pandas an opportunity to live out NDA's commitment to faith, service and making a difference in the world.

**We invite the NDA community to support this effort by donating clean plastic shopping bags from stores such as Kroger, Target, Publix and others. A collection box will be located outside the front office through July 16.**

Thank you for helping our freshmen begin their NDA journey with a spirit of compassion and service. Every bag donated will help make a difference for someone in need!

## NDA COMMUNITY WELCOME!

# PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY AT NDA

Join us for an evening of pickleball open play at NDA! Alumnae, friends, current parents and past parents are invited to play, connect and have fun Thursday, July 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the NDA Tennis Courts. Click [HERE](#) to register. Pre-Registration is appreciated but not necessary.



## IMPORTANT UPDATE

# SUMMER BAND UPDATE

The NDA/CCH Band program is off to a great start this summer, with a strong roster of student musicians preparing for another exciting year!

**Please note that there will be no Summer Learning Band Rehearsal on Monday, June 22, as Band Director Greg Cerimele will be attending the AP® Statistics Institute in Michigan.**

Summer rehearsals will resume the following week.

Students who are experienced wind players and may be interested in joining the band are encouraged to stop by one of the remaining Monday summer rehearsals to introduce themselves and learn more about the program.

The NDA/CCH Band looks forward to welcoming both returning and new musicians as preparations continue for the upcoming school year!

## IMPORTANT DATES

# 2026-2027 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.

### 2026-2027 - Summer and Back-to-School Dates

July 16	Incoming Freshman Service Project
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/FunFest

### Schedule for the 2026-2027 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





JOIN THE FUN!

## NDA SUMMER CAMPS 2026

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.

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!

## 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](https://ndapandas.org)**  
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make a Difference*

*make a difference*  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

## ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES

# STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRIDGE PROGRAM

Attention juniors and sophomores! Are you looking for a fun way to earn Blue Hours while helping welcome the Class of 2030 to Notre Dame Academy?

Mrs. Chrissy Monohan is seeking student volunteers to assist with this year's Bridge Program for incoming freshmen. The program will take place August 10-13 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and helps new students feel comfortable, connected and prepared for their first year at NDA.

Volunteers are needed to serve as group leaders, assist with games and icebreakers, and help incoming students get to know one another. Additional opportunities are available for students interested in sharing their experiences and offering advice on topics such as:

- Using OneNote effectively
- Staying organized and managing schoolwork
- Getting involved in clubs and activities
- Completing service hours and serving the community

If you enjoy meeting new people, sharing your NDA experience and helping others feel welcome, we encourage you to volunteer.

Interested? Complete the Bridge Volunteer Form linked [HERE](#).

Thank you for helping our newest Pandas start their NDA journey with confidence and enthusiasm!

## PANDAS EXPLORE FRANCE

# A JOURNEY OF LEARNING, FAITH, AND CULTURE

This past week, a group of Notre Dame Academy students embarked on an unforgettable journey through France, experiencing its rich history, culture, faith, and cuisine firsthand. Led by French teacher Angela Lucarelli and accompanied by chaperones Mr. Hamm, Mrs. Lashua, and Mrs. Bezold, the trip provided students with countless opportunities to learn beyond the classroom while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The group began their travels in Paris, where they explored some of France's most iconic landmarks. Highlights included a visit to the magnificent Palace of Versailles, a scenic cruise along the Seine River, and tours of several beautiful cathedrals. Students also experienced the world-renowned Louvre Museum and enjoyed breathtaking views from the Eiffel Tower.

As the journey continued, the group traveled through the French countryside, visiting Amboise and the home of the legendary Leonardo da Vinci. They also explored the historic regions of Normandy and Saint-Malo, deepening their understanding of European history and culture.

Faith remained an important part of the experience as the group attended Mass together, reflecting Notre Dame Academy's commitment to nurturing both the minds and hearts of our students.

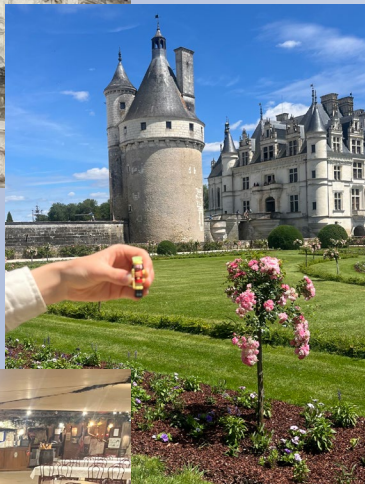
Of course, no trip to France would be complete without sampling the local cuisine. Students embraced the culinary adventure, enjoying everything from escargot and pineapple tarts to breaded fish, gnocchi, French pizza, Alsatian flatbread, and pasta. In a fun reminder that some traditions cross international borders, a stop at McDonald's in France was also a memorable experience for many of the travelers.

Mrs. Lucarelli reflected on the trip, sharing, "The students were incredible representatives of themselves, Notre Dame Academy, and the United States." Throughout their travels, the girls demonstrated curiosity, respect, maturity, and gratitude, earning praise for the way they engaged with the people and places they encountered.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Lucarelli for organizing and leading this remarkable experience and to Mr. Hamm, Mrs. Lashua, and Mrs. Bezold for generously giving their time during the summer to accompany our students. Their dedication helped make this trip both safe and meaningful.

Most importantly, we thank our students for embracing every opportunity, representing NDA with pride, and making the journey such a tremendous success. We are incredibly proud of the way they carried themselves throughout the trip and grateful for the memories, friendships, and learning experiences they brought home.

What an amazing adventure for our Panda travelers—and a wonderful example of learning without borders.



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](#).



**ROBOTICS**  
**IS COMING TO**  
**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](mailto:litmerl@ndapandas.org)

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## PANDA ATHLETICS

### Golf Outing



We would like to thank everyone who participated in and/or donated to the 28th Annual Notre Dame Academy Athletic Department Golf Outing!

We are grateful for the tremendous support from our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and community members. It was wonderful to see so many of our teams represented throughout the outing. Our student-athletes and staff truly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with all of you.

Your generosity and commitment to Notre Dame Academy Athletics help provide valuable opportunities and resources for our student-athletes. Through your support, we are able to continue Notre Dame Academy's mission of empowering young women to make a difference in the world through faith, scholarship, and service.

We could not support all of our teams without the support of our NDA community.

Thank you for helping make this year's outing another great success. May God bless you and your families!

### FinalForms

Please remember to register your student-athlete in [FinalForms](#) for her fall athletic team. As part of the registration process, you must complete the Athletic Discount Card Form and submit the required KHSAA Physical.

The [KHSAA physical](#) consists of three pages. Please scan and upload all three pages as a single document if possible. In addition, a signed [St. Elizabeth Health Release Form](#) must be submitted. Both forms are attached to this email.

Team activities may begin on July 10, with official tryouts starting on July 15.

If you have questions regarding a specific sport, please contact the appropriate coach:



- Soccer – Cory Dan, [danc@ndapandas.org](mailto:danc@ndapandas.org)
- Cross Country – Joe Durrett, [durrettj@ndapandas.org](mailto:durrettj@ndapandas.org)
- Golf – Anna McCord, [mccorda@ndapandas.org](mailto:mccorda@ndapandas.org)
- Volleyball – Madison Salkowski, [salkowskim@ndapandas.org](mailto:salkowskim@ndapandas.org) or Hannah Colvin, [colvinh@ndapandas.org](mailto:colvinh@ndapandas.org)

Thank you for completing these requirements as soon as possible so that your daughter is eligible to participate when fall sports begin.

# Notre Dame Academy Athletics Fees

The following fees are required for participation in athletics at Notre Dame Academy.

## Sports Participation Fees

Sports Participation Fees assist with expenses associated with operating our athletic programs, including athletic training services, officials, facility usage, transportation, equipment, entry fees, awards, and coaching support. These fees are assessed for each sport in which a student-athlete participates.

For the 2026-2027 school year, the Athletic Participation Fees are as follows:

- First Sport: \$300
- Sibling First Sport: \$175
- Second/Third Sport: \$110



## Athletic Discount Card Fundraiser

In addition to the Sports Participation Fee, all athletic families are required to participate in our Athletic Discount Card Fundraiser. Families may either sell the required number of discount cards or choose the buyout option through FinalForms. This fee is assessed once per school year regardless of the number of sports in which a student-athlete participates.

Discount Card fees will be billed in mid-October after winter sports have finalized their rosters. If a student-athlete registers for a spring sport but does not ultimately participate, the Discount Card fee will be refunded. Student-athletes who join a team after September 1 will be billed at the time they join the team.

## Team Fees

Each team may assess a separate team fee. These fees help cover items such as yard signs, locker magnets, team shirts, team parties, nutrition needs, pregame meals, senior night activities, coaches' gifts, and other team-specific expenses.

Team fees vary by sport and are determined by the coaching staff and team parents. Team fees are assessed for each sport in which a student-athlete participates.

Please be sure to complete all athletic registration requirements in FinalForms, including selecting whether you plan to participate in the Discount Card Fundraiser or choose the buyout option.

# Advancing the Mission

## Alumnae Rosary



### JOIN US ALUMNAE ROSARY

Tomorrow, June 18, 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

Each school year, the NDA community comes together for one of our most memorable traditions, **Light the Night for NDA**.

More than a fundraising event, Light the Night is a celebration of our mission, our students, and the community that makes Notre Dame Academy so special. The evening brings together parents, alumnae, friends, and supporters for a night of fun, fellowship, and generosity in support of our students.

We're looking for parent volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Whether you enjoy planning, decorating, organizing, securing auction items, or simply lending a hand, there's a place for you on the team.

Join Event Chairs Tracie Stacy, Laura Mauller, and Jen Fariello and help create an unforgettable evening while making a meaningful impact on the NDA experience.

Interested in getting involved?  
Contact the Advancement Office at 859.292.7729.

Save the Date

Light the Night for NDA  
November 14, 2026  
The Madison Event Center

***We hope you'll join us as we celebrate, support,  
and Light the Night for NDA.***



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 18	Alumnae Rosary
June 19	Athletic Dead Period Begins
July 9	Dead Period Ends
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