



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Panda Families,

I hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to rest, reconnect, and make lasting memories together.

Although our campus is a little quieter during the summer months, there is still so much happening at Notre Dame Academy. From summer camps and campus improvements to enrollment, athletics, and service opportunities, NDA continues to prepare for another incredible year of learning, faith, and growth.

As you browse this edition of the Panda Press Weekly, I hope you'll enjoy reading about the many ways our students and faculty continue to embrace learning, even during the summer. Whether they're exploring new interests, developing new skills, or preparing for the year ahead, these stories remind us that learning never truly takes a vacation.

I also encourage our students to take advantage of the many opportunities to serve this summer. Service is one of the most meaningful ways we live our faith and begin putting this year's theme into action as we become women who learn, lead, and serve with purpose. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, has the power to make a difference in someone's life.

A special welcome to the members of the Class of 2030! We hope to see our incoming freshmen tomorrow, Thursday, July 16, from 10:30 a.m. until noon for our Freshman Service Project. Together, we'll create Mercy mats for those in need. It's a wonderful opportunity to begin living our mission, meet classmates, and start making a difference as the newest members of the Panda family.

As we continue counting down to the first day of school, please take a few moments to review the important reminders in this issue, including campus traffic changes, FinalForms updates, athletic information, and key back-to-school dates. Taking care of these details now will help ensure a smooth start to the new school year.

We look forward to seeing all of our students back on campus on August 18. Until then, enjoy the remainder of your summer, stay safe, and know that you remain in our prayers!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

SISTERS IN MISSION:

Walk Humbly.

Serve Boldly.

Shine with Grace.

Walk in Faith!

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:

- NKY Navigator Friends Day Camp (Gold Hours)
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) - (Gold Hours)
- Hamilton County Veterans Appreciation Day (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) ** 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! 

CONGRATS!

WELL DONE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

The students who earned first and second honors for the second semester of the 2025–2026 school year are now posted in the display case in Hilton Hall. The [honors lists](#) are also available on the NDA website in the Honor Roll portion of the student recognition page under Student Life. We congratulate these students for their hard work and success.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2030

FRESHMAN SERVICE PROJECT

All incoming freshmen are invited to our Class of 2030 Freshman Service Project TOMORROW, Thursday, July 16, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. We will be making Mercy mats for those in need. Please join us and start making a difference!



NEW KATIE!

WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY

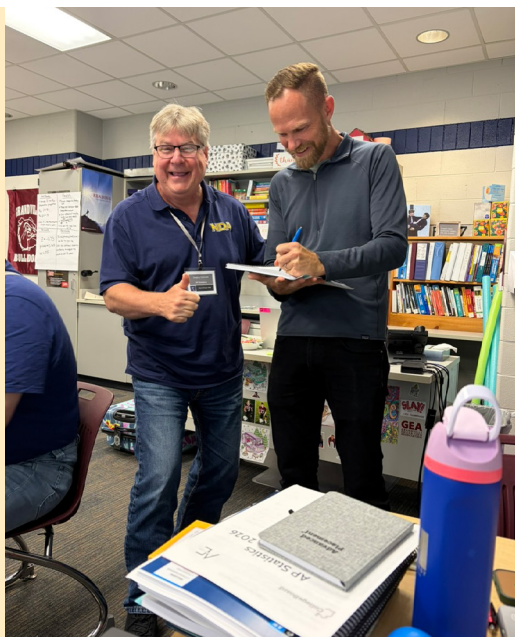
Please join us in welcoming Katie Schweitzer as Notre Dame Academy's new Director of Enrollment!

Katie joins NDA after six years of teaching in Catholic education, most recently at St. Agnes School, where she built strong relationships with students and families while helping young people grow academically and spiritually.

Her passion for Catholic education, her enthusiasm for connecting with families, and her commitment to helping young women discover their God-given gifts make her a wonderful addition to our Panda community!

As Director of Enrollment, Katie will guide prospective students and their families through the admissions process while sharing all that makes Notre Dame Academy a place where young women learn, lead, and make a difference in the world.

Please join us in giving Katie a warm Panda welcome! We are excited to have her as part of the Notre Dame Academy family!



GO SIR!

SUMMER LEARNING IN FULL SWING

Our very own Greg Cerimele ("Sir") spent part of his summer at the AP Summer Institute, where he had the chance to meet Luke Wilcox of Stats Medic. Luke and his colleague Lindsey create many of the engaging lessons and videos used in AP Statistics classrooms across the country.

Professional learning doesn't stop when the school year ends. We are grateful for faculty like Mr. Cerimele who continue to learn, grow, and bring new ideas back to the classroom for our Pandas!



TODAY'S HEADLINE...

FUTURE JOURNALIST IN THE MAKING!

NDA student Meredith got an exciting behind-the-scenes look at the world of broadcast journalism during a job shadow with Sheree Paoello and the WLWT team. From the newsroom to the studio, Meredith had the opportunity to experience what it takes to bring the news to our community each day while exploring a potential future career.

A special thank you to Sheree Paoello and everyone at WLWT for welcoming Meredith and providing such a meaningful learning experience. We are incredibly proud of the way Meredith represented Notre Dame Academy and are grateful for community partners who help inspire the next generation of storytellers and journalists.

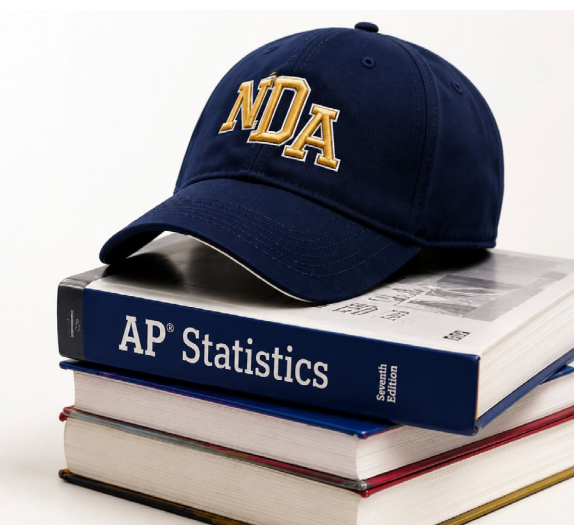
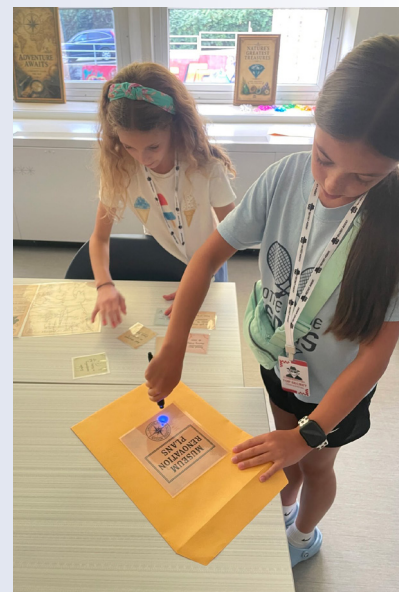
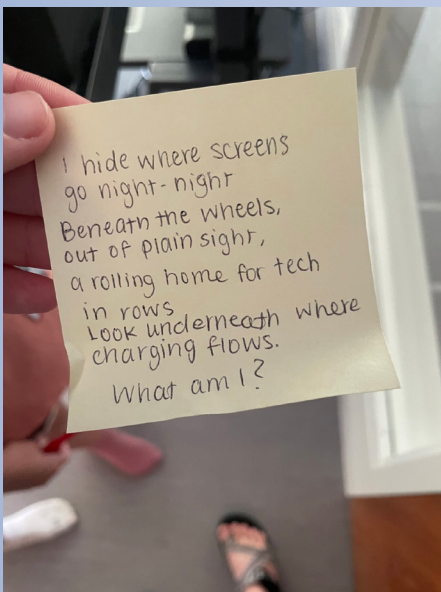


SUMMER CAMPS AT NDA

TEAMWORK, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND PLENTY OF FUN!

Campers put their creativity and critical thinking to the test during Escape Room Camp at Notre Dame Academy. Under the guidance of Ms. Dooling, students worked together to crack codes, solve puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and beat the clock in a series of exciting escape room challenges.

Every activity encouraged campers to communicate, think outside the box, and collaborate as a team while building confidence and having a great time along the way. Whether they were unlocking the next clue or celebrating a hard-earned victory, there was plenty of excitement, laughter, and learning throughout the week.



WAY TO GO!

NDA AP STATS CLASS SETS NEW RECORD

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy's AP® Statistics Class of 2026! This year's "End of the Day" AP® Statistics class, led by Mr. Cerimele, set a new school record with an 82.6% AP® Exam pass rate - well above the national average of 63.3%! The class also earned a record-high average score that surpassed the national average! These outstanding results reflect months of hard work, perseverance, and a willingness to tackle one of high school's most challenging courses. Congratulations to our AP® Statistics students and to Mr. Cerimele on setting a new benchmark for future Pandas. We are incredibly proud of you!

		NDA ALUMNAE & FRIENDS, PAST & CURRENT PARENTS 
JOIN US FOR CASUAL & FUN OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL!	 Registration is appreciated but not required.	THURSDAY, JULY 16 6-8 PM NDA TENNIS COURTS

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 this 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.



SUMMER FUN!

THEATRE CAMP STUDENTS TAKE CENTER STAGE

Last week our theater director, Mrs. Peyton Leonard offered a theater camp for elementary aged students interested in acting, singing, dancing, etc. Many of the NDA and CCH theater students were there as camp counselors. After much practice and rehearsing throughout the week, they put on an incredible performance. They performed scenes from School House Rock, Jr. It was incredible to see the talent of our young students in the community who will hopefully one day be performing as students at NDA and CCH.





AS MR. CERIMELE SAYS...

IF IT'S MONDAY, IT'S BAND

Still Thinking About Band? It's Not Too Late! If you've been thinking about joining band, there's still time!

The NDA/CCH Summer Band meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Notre Dame Academy Band Room, and new members are always welcome.

Whether you've never played an instrument before, already have band experience, or are simply looking for something fun to do this summer, this is a great opportunity to learn a new skill, meet new friends from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic, and make the most of your Monday evenings.

The Summer Band is open to students in grades 7-12 and it's completely FREE!

Questions? Contact [Greg Cerimele](#).

PLEASE NOTE!

A MESSAGE FROM...

MRS. CHRISSY MONOHAN

This is a reminder that the window to change classes for the new semester is closed. The last day to drop or add a class was at the end of May. Class changes are not to be made unless there was a conflict in your schedule or a teacher has initiated the change.

Our Registrar, Mr. Schlosser, is working on creating lunches, study halls, etc. and he will make the class schedules available in Powerschool at the end of July/beginning of August.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION PARENTS

There are still many outstanding balances for students' lunch accounts. Please be sure to login to our online school lunch management system, PayPams. Parents should have created an account for this system when the student was enrolled. This system will show balances, accept payments, etc. Another option is to call the office and you can be transferred to our Cafeteria Manager, Karen Brungs. She can provide balance information and the office can accept cash or checks to cover the balance. Ensuring that all balances are paid is an expectation that must be fulfilled before official transcripts can be sent to colleges or before students can return for the next school year. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Start the new school year in style! Freshen up your daughter's wardrobe with new school uniform pieces from the Spirit Shop with 10% OFF all school uniform items!

It's the perfect time to stock up and be ready for the first day of school. We look forward to seeing you in the [Bambootique](#)!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT CAMPUS TRAFFIC CHANGES UNDERWAY

As construction continues on campus and work begins on the former St. Joseph Heights property, Notre Dame Academy families should be aware of temporary traffic changes that will remain in effect through approximately August 14, weather permitting.

Currently:

- Hilton Drive between Dixie Highway and NDA is temporarily two-way traffic.
- The drive alongside the garage and tennis courts serves as both the entrance and exit to campus until the new exit road is completed.
- Temporary traffic signs are in place to help direct vehicles safely.

Families visiting campus this summer are encouraged to:

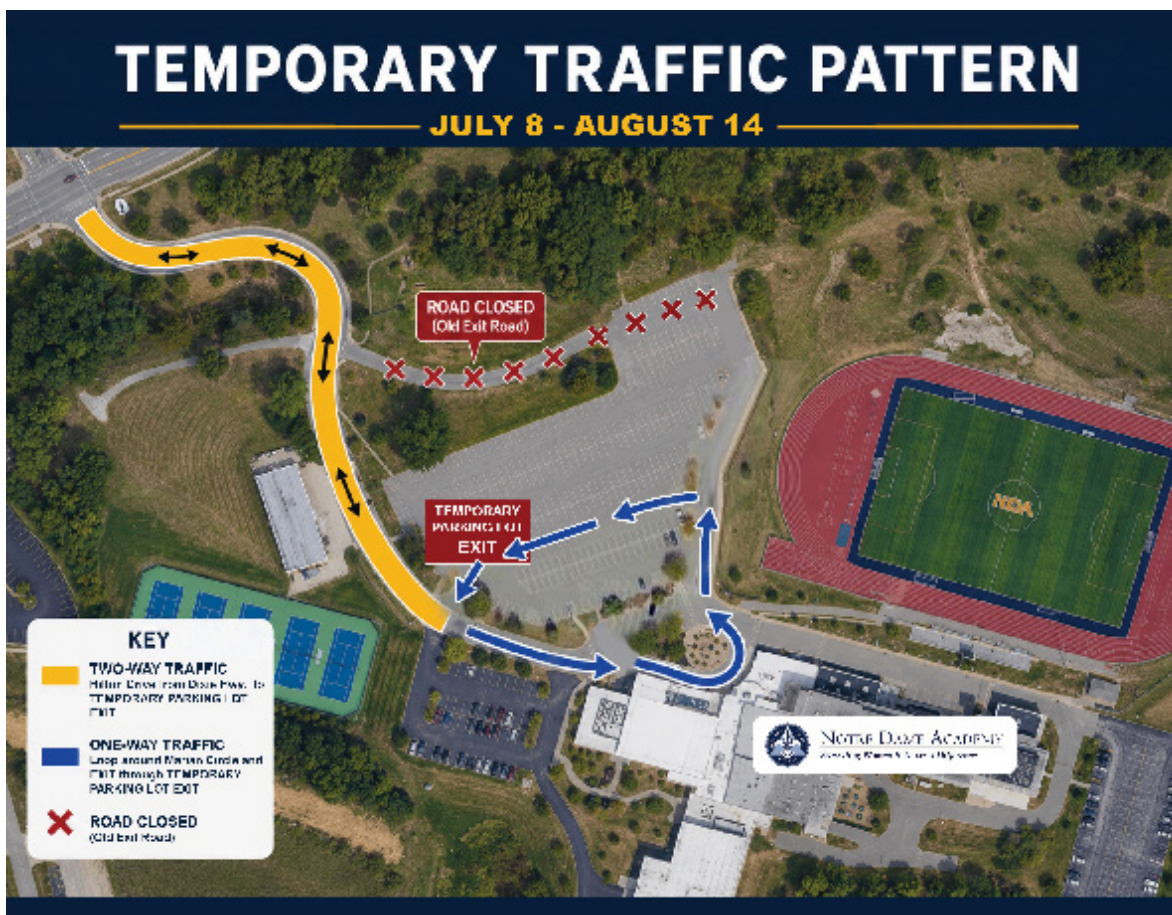
- Allow a few extra minutes for travel.
- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- Follow all posted traffic signs.
- Watch carefully for pedestrians and construction equipment.

Please note that the roof replacement project is also continuing. For everyone's safety, there is no vehicle or pedestrian access beyond the front corner of the building near Marian Circle until that work is complete.

In addition, the former St. Joseph Heights property is beginning an exciting new chapter as the Sisters of Notre Dame partner with St. Charles Community to create housing, resources and services for older adults. We are grateful to welcome St. Charles as our neighbors and look forward to future opportunities for our students to serve and build meaningful intergenerational relationships.

As always, Notre Dame Academy will remain a closed campus during the school day, and all existing visitor check-in and campus safety procedures remain in effect.

Please click [HERE](#) to review the complete update before your next visit to campus.



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 - 2026-2027 Summer & 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





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. If participating in athletics, parents and students were expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by July 9, 2026 or by the first day of school, if not participating in athletics. 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.

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 Google Form found [HERE](#).



A vibrant poster for the Robotics Club launch at Notre Dame Academy. The background is dark blue with yellow circuit-like patterns. At the top, the word "ROBOTICS" is in large, white, block letters. Below it, "IS COMING TO" is written in yellow on a black brushstroke, followed by "NDA!" in large, bold, yellow letters. On the left, a cartoon panda mascot wearing a blue and yellow "NDA" jersey waves its right paw. On the right, a detailed blue and silver LEGO Technic robot arm is shown, also featuring the "NDA" logo. In the center, three icons (lightbulb, gear, star) precede the text "INNOVATE. BUILD. INSPIRE." Below this, a paragraph reads: "Get ready to design, build, program, and compete as we launch an exciting new chapter of innovation at NDA!". At the bottom left, two white banners with blue borders contain a graduation cap icon and the text "EARN A 1/2 CREDIT THROUGH THIS CLUB!", and a calendar icon with the text "BIG THINGS ARE BUILDING!". Below these are four columns of icons and text: "TEAMWORK MAKES US STRONGER" (people icon), "TECHNOLOGY SHAPES OUR FUTURE" (laptop icon), "CHALLENGE DRIVES GROWTH" (trophy icon), and "CREATE SOMETHING AMAZING" (robot head icon). The bottom of the poster features a yellow banner with the text "BE PART OF THE FUTURE. BE PART OF ROBOTICS." and a large gear icon with a lightning bolt inside.

ROBOTICS

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BUILD.
INSPIRE.

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BE PART OF THE FUTURE.
BE PART OF ROBOTICS.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS

Fall Sports Are Here!

The excitement is building as Notre Dame Academy's fall athletic season gets underway! Our student-athletes are preparing for another outstanding year of competition, and we wish the very best to our **Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, and Volleyball** teams as they begin practices and prepare for the upcoming season.

We encourage all Panda fans to come out and support our athletes throughout the fall as they proudly represent Notre Dame Academy with excellence, sportsmanship, and school spirit.

Student-Athlete Registration Reminder

Any student planning to participate in athletics at Notre Dame Academy must be registered in FinalForms for each sport before participating in practices, open sessions, tryouts, or competitions.

FinalForms is the primary communication tool used by our coaches. If you are not registered for your sport, you and your family will not receive team communications.

To be eligible, student-athletes must complete the following in FinalForms:

- Upload the entire KHSAA Sports Physical (all pages)
- Upload the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Authorization & Release Form
- Complete all required FinalForms registrations and electronic signatures.

Athletes will not be permitted to participate until all required forms have been submitted and approved.

Athletic Fees for 2026–2027

Families participating in athletics at Notre Dame Academy should be aware of the **three fees associated with athletic participation**.

1. Sports Participation Fee (Billed through FACTS)

- **First Sport:** \$300
- **Sibling (first sport):** \$165
- **Second or Third Sport:** \$110

The Athletic Participation Fee supports the overall operation of Notre Dame Academy Athletics and helps provide a safe, high-quality experience benefitting every student-athlete.



2. Discount Card Fundraiser (Billed through FACTS)

- **\$300 Buyout Option** (choose not to sell cards)
- **\$375 Fundraising Option** (sell discount cards)

The annual Discount Card fundraiser helps generate additional revenue that supports the athletic department and enhances the experience for all Notre Dame Academy student-athletes.

3. Team Fees (Determined by Each Sport)

Team Fees are established by each individual sport's coaching staff and team parents. Because every sport has different needs, **team fees vary** by program.

These fees help cover expenses unique to each team. **Team Fees are used exclusively to enhance the experience within each individual sport.**

2026–2027 Panda Athletic Season Passes

Season passes will be available for purchase beginning **August 1** and provide admission to all **regular-season home athletic contests** included with the selected pass.

Annual Passes (Valid for the Entire 2026–2027 School Year)

Family Pass – \$225

- Valid for immediate family members living in the same household, including children **23 years of age or younger**.

Senior/Grandparent Pass – \$150

- Valid for household members **65 years of age or older**.

Fall Sports Passes

- **Family Fall Sports Pass – \$125**
- **Senior/Grandparent Fall Sports Pass – \$85**

We look forward to another exciting year of Notre Dame Academy Athletics and hope you'll join us in cheering on our Panda student-athletes throughout the fall season.

Go Pandas!

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY SOFTBALL CAMP

SKILLS. CONFIDENCE. TEAMWORK.
LEAVE BETTER.
HUSTLE HARDER.

DATES:
AUGUST 4-6

TIMES:
6:00 – 8:00 PM

COST:
\$50

GRADE LEVEL:
4TH – 8TH

SCAN TO REGISTER!



TRAIN HARD. HAVE FUN.
BECOME THE PLAYER YOU WANT TO BE.

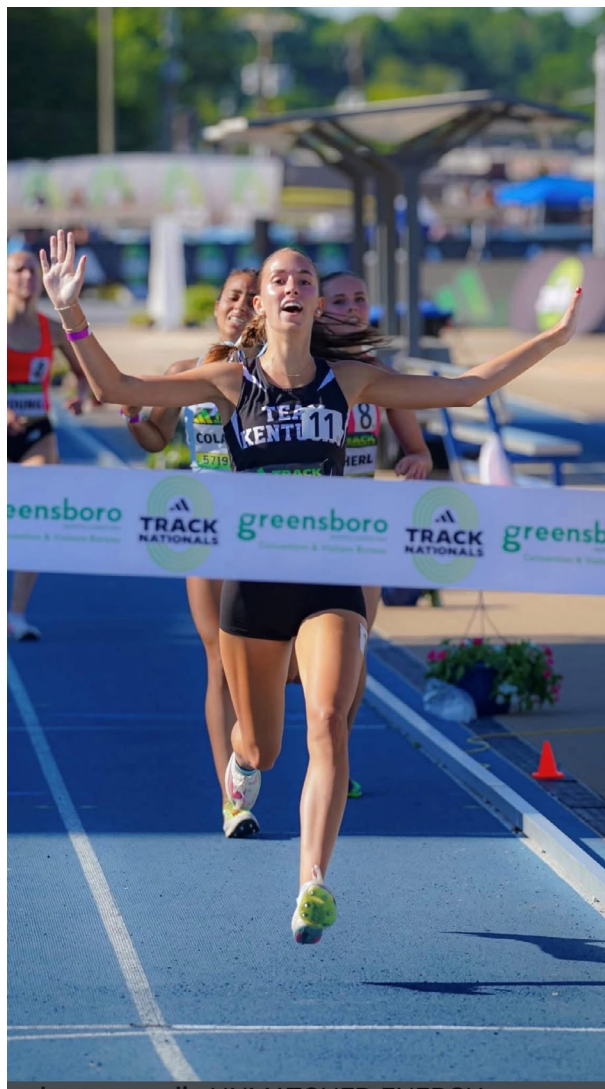
Softball Camp

Step up to the plate this summer at Notre Dame Academy's Softball Camp! Whether you're looking to sharpen your skills, build confidence, or simply have a blast with friends, our coaches and players are ready to help you take your game to the next level.

**August 4-6
6:00-8:00 p.m.
\$50**

For students entering grades 4-8

Come train hard, have fun, and become the player you want to be! Scan the QR code to register today. We can't wait to see you on the field!



Congratulations Norah Barker

Congratulations to rising senior Norah Barker who won the 1 mile at the Adidas Track and Field Nationals competing for Team Kentucky Elite! She ran a personal best time of 5:05.08 which is the 4th fastest 1 mile run by anyone in NKY history. And next, Norah sets her sights on the Fall season as part of our Cross Country team.

Advancing the Mission

Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US

ALUMNAE ROSARY

Tomorrow, July 16, 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 FOR NDA

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14 as we come together for an unforgettable evening celebrating the mission of Notre Dame Academy during our 120th anniversary year.

Whether you choose to sponsor, attend, donate, or volunteer, your support helps provide transformative opportunities for our students and ensures the NDA tradition continues to shine for generations to come.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead!

LIGHT *the* NIGHT for NDA



AN EVENING TO
Celebrate
THE MISSION OF
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Save the Date!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026
THE MADISON EVENT CENTER
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY



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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

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	Alumnae Rosary
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August 13	Parent Welcome Back Night
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August 18	First Day of School
August 20	Alumnae Rosary
September 4	Picture Day
September 7	No School - Labor Day
September 8	St. Joe's Crescent Springs Shadow Day
September 10	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 14	Junior Retreat
September 16	Scholarship Breakfast
September 17	Alumnae Rosary
September 22	St. Pius X Shadow Day
September 21	Junior Retreat
September 24	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
October 1	Foundation Day
October 4	Golden Graduates Mass and Lunch
October 8-9	No School - PD Days
October 15	Alumnae Rosary
October 16	NDA/CCH Frosh Halloween Bash
October 21-23	Senior Retreat
November 2	Remembrance Mass
November 8	Open House
November 14	Light the Night for NDA
November 19	Alumnae Rosary
November 19	Alumnae Dinner Theatre