



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,

Last week, our Notre Dame Academy community came together in the Eucharist for the first time this school year. Celebrating Mass on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe was a powerful reminder of what grounds us as a Catholic school: our faith in Christ and our call to live that faith with courage and generosity. St. Maximilian Kolbe's life teaches us that true discipleship often means being ready to say "yes" to God and to stand up for others, even when it is difficult.

As we continue into this school year, our theme — *Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly. Serve Boldly. Shine with Grace.* — invites us to do the same. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, on stage, or in the quiet moments of daily life, we are called to be witnesses of God's love. When we live our Catholic identity with humility, boldness, and grace, we not only strengthen our NDA family but also inspire the wider community.

One beautiful way to support this mission is by joining us at Light the Night for NDA on Saturday, October 4 at The Madison Event Center. This special evening is not just our largest fundraiser of the year, but also a celebration of the transformative Catholic education that has defined Notre Dame Academy for 120 years. Your presence, prayers, and support make a real difference for our students. Tickets are available and you can find a link on the following page to purchase them.

Finally, given the events of today, I ask you to join me in praying for all who were involved. May God grant them guidance, healing, and the support they need to turn toward light and hope. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort and courage to our entire community. Let us also give thanks for the blessings of Notre Dame Academy — for the swift response of our faculty, staff, and students today, and for the strength of this remarkable community that continues to walk together in faith.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us form young women of faith, character, and purpose. Together, rooted in our Catholic identity, we will make this a year filled with learning, growth, and grace.

Walk in Faith,

*Mrs. Lisa Timmerding*

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



Walk in Faith!

# LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!



## LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA! TICKETS ON SALE NOW

**Get your tickets now for Light the Night for NDA before they sell out!**

Tickets are \$120 in honor of 120 years of Notre Dame Academy. Purchase here: <https://LTN4NDA.givesmart.com> and help us LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

### Want to get involved?

Want to get involved or offer support? Contact Myanna Webster at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org) or one of our chairs, Tracy Stacy, Laura Mauller or Heather Ramsey.

### Want to meet more parents?

A great way to meet other Panda parents is to get involved in Light the Night for NDA! You can volunteer to help out with the event or simply attend a gift gathering party!



## JOIN US!

## SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, & SENIOR PARENT GIFT GATHERING

Sophomore, junior, and senior parents are invited to the Gift Gathering Party on Thursday, August 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Performance Lexus (709 Wright's Summit Parkway, Fort Wright).

This fun and casual evening is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other NDA families while supporting our school community. Bring along a gift card, rare bourbon, entertainment or sports tickets, or make a cash/Venmo donation to help build amazing auction baskets and prizes for our upcoming events.

Your generosity makes a big difference, and we can't wait to enjoy a great night together with refreshments, laughter, and Panda spirit!



### Sophomore, Junior, & Senior Parent Gift Gathering Party

08.28.25 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Performance Lexus  
709 Wright's Summit Pkwy, Fort Wright, KY 41011



Gift items to local  
restaurants to be  
used in auction  
baskets or gift  
card pull



Rare  
bourbon



Entertainment /  
Sports tickets



Cash/Venmo  
donation  
or gift card  
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## LIGHT THE NIGHT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# BE A PART OF LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

Sponsorships are an impactful way to be part of Light the Night for NDA, especially if you cannot attend the event. As our largest fundraiser of the year, Light the Night for NDA plays a vital role in supporting our students, programs, and the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

As we enter the 120th school year here at NDA, a special opportunity is our **\$250 Fourth Floor Sponsorship**, named in honor of the Sisters of Notre Dame who live on the fourth floor of our school building. This sponsorship is a meaningful way to celebrate **120 years of innovative Catholic education for young women** at NDA while paying tribute to the Sisters whose vision and dedication have shaped our mission.

If you are interested in sponsoring Light the Night for NDA, contact Myanna Webster at [websterm@ndapandas.org](mailto:websterm@ndapandas.org).



### \$3,000 Level

#### Auction Sponsorship

- Logo on silent auction sheets
- 1/2 page ad in program
- Printed recognition in the program
- Multiple NDA parent newsletters
- Live recognition at the event
- NDA website recognition
- Auction site logo display

### \$2,000 Level

#### Dinner Sponsorship

- Signage near buffet lines
- 1/2 page ad in program
- Printed recognition in the program
- Multiple NDA parent newsletters
- Live recognition at the event
- Auction site logo display

### \$1000 Level

#### Cocktail Hour Sponsorship

- Signage at Bar
- 1/2 page ad in program
- Printed recognition in the program
- Multiple NDA parent newsletters
- Auction site logo display

### \$500 Level

#### Panda Sponsorship

- Printed program recognition
- Multiple NDA parent newsletters
- Auction site recognition

### \$250 Level

#### Fourth Floor Sponsorship

- Printed program recognition
- Auction site recognition

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## FAITH FORMATION

### COMMUNAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We will celebrate mass in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, August 22 and Tuesday, August 26. All are welcome to join us.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary in the Chapel at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 21 and Monday, August 25.

## GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### SERVICE INFORMATION



The 25/26 Service requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#). A list of upcoming service opportunities can be found at [this link](#) which is shared weekly on the Student Padlet. There are some great opportunities coming up to serve in our community - please encourage your student to visit this live document often to see how she can make a difference in our community through service.

Mrs. Price will be meeting with all Freshmen in their Religion classes this week to go through the service requirements and guidelines and help students finish setting up their Mobile Serve Accounts. Freshmen were asked to have their accounts created by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 22.



## GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

### RETREAT INFORMATION

Seniors will receive their Senior Retreat Registration Forms on Monday, August 25 during homeroom. The process for registering will be explained to them at that time. Forms are due back by Wednesday, September 3.

All Juniors will be assigned to one of 3 retreats that will take place on September 15, 16 and 17. The retreat takes place during the school day. More information will be shared with the Juniors in the coming weeks.

# Student Life



## CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

### BEGINNING THE SCHOOL YEAR IN FAITH

Last Thursday, our Notre Dame Academy faith community came together in the Eucharist for the first time this school year. As a Catholic school, celebrating Mass is at the heart of who we are and what we are called to do.

Our opening school Mass with Fr. Kunath was held on the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. His witness reminds us that all of life prepares us to be strong enough to stand up, say no, and face the dragons that come our way. As we begin this new school year, we are reminded that God is preparing each of us to make a difference in the world.

Like St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for another, we are each called to be a hero—sometimes in big ways, sometimes in small ways—for someone else. May we start this year with faith, courage, and readiness to answer that call.

Can you help?

## CAN YOU HELP?

### FRESHMAN FAMILIES IN NEED OF CARPOOL

There are two freshman families who would like to make some carpool arrangements. One family lives in Latonia near Holy Cross and the other family lives in Florence. If you live in these areas and could offer some help with transportation to or from NDA, please contact [Katie Caccavari](#), Director of Enrollment. She will connect you with the family so that you can discuss their exact needs and how you might help.



## SAY CHEESE

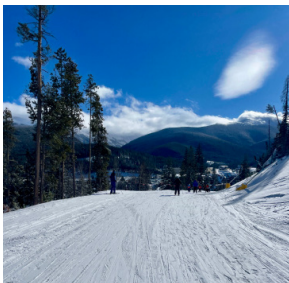
### PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

It's almost time to capture those school memories — Picture Day is Thursday, September 4!

Families can place orders online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using the Picture Day ID: EVT6VHPSS. Be sure to order before midnight on Picture Day to receive FREE shipping.

Students may also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day. Please note that any orders placed after Picture Day must be submitted online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com).





## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! ANNUAL SKI TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's 5th Annual Ski Trip to Winter Park, Colorado (January 15-19)! Fill out the form [HERE](#) to save your spot!! Registration is first come, first serve and will be open until August 30 or until all spots have been filled. The trip will be chaperoned by NDA faculty and staff. Email Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org) with any questions.



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## NDA BAMBOOTIQUE PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Panda pride! Get your Panda Fan gear online [HERE](#).



## NEON NIGHTS! FRESHMAN MIXER LIGHTS UP NDA

Our first freshman mixer of the year, Neon Night, was an absolute glow fest! From the bright colors to the big smiles, the NDA gym lit up with Panda spirit. Students danced, laughed, and celebrated the start of a new school year in true Panda style.

Here's to new friends, great music, and an unforgettable night together. What a wonderful way to kick off the year!



## DELICIOUS NEWS! WEEKLY LUNCH MENU

A hot lunch and salad bar will be available for purchase each day at our NDA cafeteria. You can find a menu price sheet as well as this week's lunch menu [HERE](#).

## FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Notre Dame Academy's LIFE Club has exciting news to share—last school year's combined efforts from our Fall and Spring blood drives, along with donations made at any Hoxworth location on NDA's behalf, earned our school a \$500 grant from Hoxworth Blood Center. These funds have been added to the Support a Panda Fund, directly benefiting members of our community in need.

**LIFE Club is also announcing its Fall Blood Drive, scheduled for Thursday, August 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. This drive is geared toward faculty, staff, and community members, though students are welcome to participate. The Spring blood drive will focus more on student participation.**

We encourage all eligible donors to consider giving the gift of life. Every donation makes a difference for patients in our region. [Click here to schedule your appointment](#)

## Help Save Lives Donate Blood

Notre Dame Academy

Thursday, August 21, 2025  
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Donor Bus in Parkign Lot

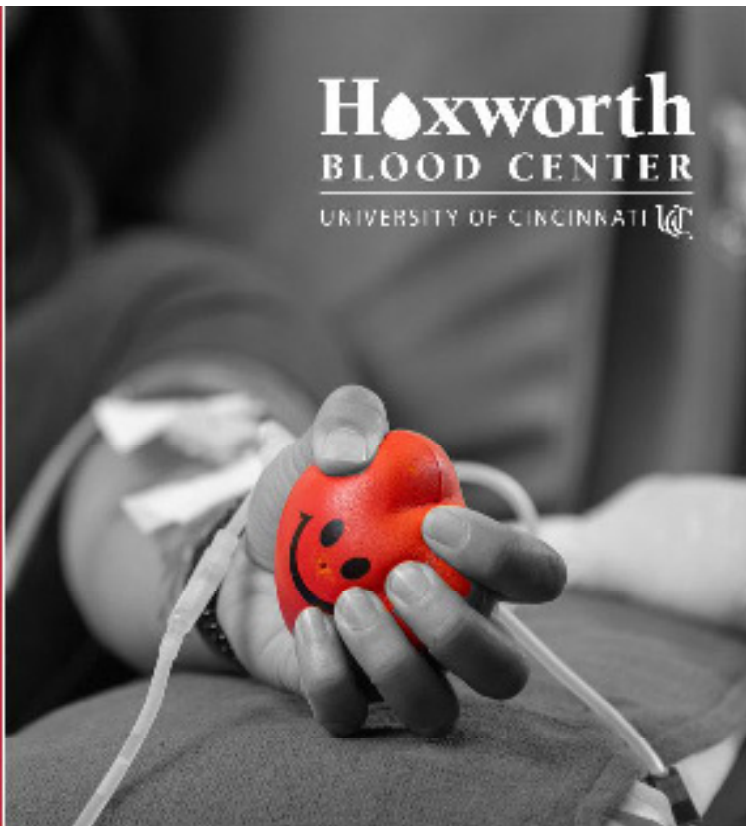
Every donor gets a LS Hooded T-shirt!



To make an appointment go to:  
[hoxworth.org/groups/nda](https://hoxworth.org/groups/nda)  
please see Mrs. Lashua or Mrs. VanAuken with any  
questions



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BLOOD CENTER  
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## SENIOR PORTRAIT TIME! SCHEDULE EARLY AND SAVE PRESTIGE PORTRAITS NOW BOOKING FOR CLASS OF 2026

Parents of seniors: Prestige Portraits in Crestview Hills is again NDA's photographer for official senior portraits. Please try to schedule a portrait session with them at your earliest convenience; we would like to have the entire senior class photographed by October.

Seniors will be photographed in the traditional black drape, which the studio will provide, for the official portrait. Families may choose additional outfits/poses if they like

**To schedule your session or for more information, vist:**

<https://local.prestigeporraits.com/ky/crestview-hills/536-centre-view-blvd-.html>

or call 513-772-2110. Prestige offers photo support 10-6 Monday through Thursday and 10-2 on Fridays, and is closed weekends.

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PANDA ATHLETICS

### **SOCCER**

The Pandas have had a strong start to the 2025 soccer season.

As of 8/19, they are 3-0-1, having already tied last year's State Champion and put up a 4-0 scoreline against a State Quarterfinalist. In these four matches, the Pandas have tallied an impressive 12 goals while allowing only one.

We look forward to extending this early success as the season rolls forward. Thank you to everyone who has shown support so far this year!

### **VOLLEYBALL**

8/18: NDA defeated the Conner Cougars in the season opener (Varsity 3-0; JV 2-0; FR 2-1).

8/20: Home opener vs. Highlands (FR 5:00, JV 6:00, VAR 7:00). Feature Night: Future Panda Night with grade schoolers invited for games and autographed posters post-game.

8/26: NDA at Cooper (FR 5:00, JV 6:00, VAR 7:00).

8/29-8/30: Varsity travels to Florida for the Tournament of Champions.

### **GOLF**

Now that school has begun, the JV Golf Pandas are playing in matches each week. Last week they had a close match with Cooper High School. This week they will be playing St. Henry and Simon Kenton. Meanwhile, the Varsity Golf Pandas are focusing on preparing for the upcoming Conference and Regional tournaments in mid-September, followed by the State Round 1 tournament. This week the team will participate in two practice rounds and a tournament hosted by St. Elizabeth on Saturday.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The Panda Cross Country team has been hard at work this summer, building both strength and team spirit. From early-morning workouts to fun outings, the team has stayed busy preparing for the upcoming season. Highlights included a trip to a Florence Y'all's baseball game and a kayaking adventure—both great opportunities for bonding outside of running shoes.

Now, the season officially kicks off! We're excited to host our first meet of the year, the Panda Classic, on Saturday, August 23, at 7:45 a.m. in Williamstown. While much of the team will compete there, eight of our varsity runners will be heading north later that day to race under the lights at the Centerville Saturday Night Lights Girls Championship, set for 9:45 p.m. The team would love to see their fellow Pandas cheering them on.

It's going to be an exciting start to the season—go Pandas!



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## OPPORTUNITY AT NDA

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Notre Dame Academy is partnering with the St. Elizabeth STARS program to offer a grief support group for our students. This on-site group will meet during the school day on alternating days for five sessions. Each session will focus on important themes such as telling your story, processing feelings, navigating changes, family, and memories.

To determine interest, we are asking students and parents to complete this brief form: [Grief Group Interest Form](#). Once we know the level of interest, we will finalize a schedule.

This is a supportive opportunity for students to come together, share experiences, and find strength in a safe and guided setting.

## JOIN TODAY!

### SIGN UP FOR DRUG FREE CLUB!

Drug Free Club partners with families to help their students say no to drugs or substances they might be pressured into trying. Being a part of the club allows a student to say "No, I might get tested" when in a situation where drugs are present. The drug testing is confidential and only parents learn the results if there is a concern. Here at NDA the overwhelming majority of students are in Drug Free Club and we take our job of rewarding students for being Drug Free seriously! We provide rewards such as gift cards, goody bags, hot chocolate mornings, popsicle afternoons and more!

As a freshman you can sign your daughter up for all 4 years and get the senior year free. NDA also subsidizes the cost by paying for \$10 of the \$35 cost per year, making it only \$25 per year for your NDA student. To sign up your daughter, please visit this link here. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Maggard at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org).



# Important dates

August 21	Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m.
August 22	Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m.
August 28	Light the Night for NDA Sophomore - Senior Gift Gathering Party
September 1	No School - Labor Day
September 4	Picture Day
September 12	Club Orientation
September 17	Donor Scholarship Breakfast
September 18	Alumnae Rosary
September 23, 25	Feeder School Shadow Day
September 24	Testing Superday
September 29	Freshman StuCo Rep Election
October 1	Foundation Day
	Mass with Bishop Iffert
	Installation of Ms. Lauren Hitron
	Food Truck Day!
October 4	Light the Night for NDA!