



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World*

# Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

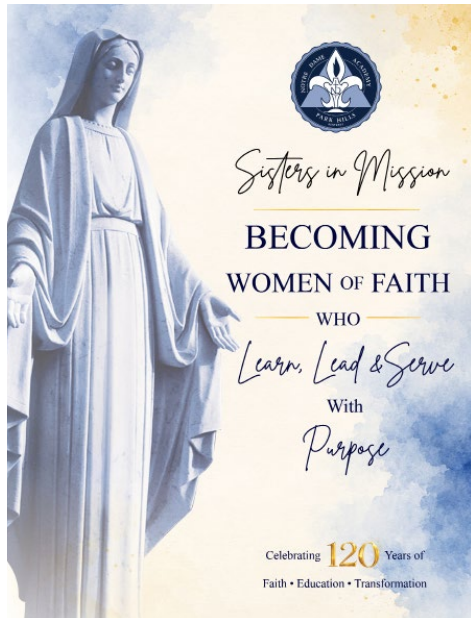
## Dear Panda Families,

What a wonderful start we have had to the 2026–27 school year! As I walked through our halls and classrooms this past week, it was exciting to see our students settling into their routines, reconnecting with friends and embracing all that a new school year has to offer.

Last Friday, we gathered as an entire school community for our first All-School Mass. It was a beautiful way to begin the year together and a reminder that our shared faith is at the heart of everything we do at Notre Dame Academy. Fr. Kunath challenged our students to recognize that faith is a choice we make and continue to make throughout our lives.

That message seems especially fitting as we begin a year focused on *Sisters in Mission: Becoming Women of Faith Who Learn, Lead & Serve With Purpose*. Already, we are seeing that mission come to life in so many ways.

Our students are serving others, welcoming Future Pandas to campus, celebrating together at our first Mixer, competing as teammates, exploring new opportunities and finding ways to become involved in the life of our school. These moments, both big and small, are what make the beginning of a new school year so special.



As we move into the weeks ahead, I encourage our students to continue saying “yes” to the many opportunities before them: to try something new, meet someone new, serve someone in need, grow in their faith and discover the gifts God has given them.

It is a great year to be a Panda!

Walk in Faith,

*Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding*

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

**Walk in Faith!**

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## ALL ARE WELCOME! PRAY WITH US

We will pray a decade of the Rosary in the chapel at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 27 and Monday, August 31.

We will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, August 28 and Tuesday, September 1. All are welcome to attend!



## SERVING OTHERS

## CALLED TO SERVE PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Mrs. Price has been meeting with all freshmen to set up their MobileServe accounts as well as going through the [Service Requirements and Guidelines](#). Freshmen should have their accounts set up by Sept. 1, 2026.

## SENIOR *Retreat*

## SENIOR RETREAT GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Seniors met with Mrs. Price on Tuesday to learn about how to register for their Senior Retreat. Registration forms are due back to their Religion teachers by Wednesday, September 2.

## ROOTED IN PRAYER BUILDING A DAILY RHYTHM OF FAITH AT NDA

Prayer is an important part of each day at Notre Dame Academy, reminding us that our faith is not separate from our learning, but at the heart of who we are and how we live.

Each Monday morning, our school community will begin the week by praying our [NDA Mission Prayer](#) together during morning announcements. This prayer calls us back to our shared mission and reminds us of our commitment to become women of faith who learn, lead and serve with purpose.

At the conclusion of each school day, we come together once again through our Afternoon Prayer. Students, particularly our freshmen who are still learning the prayer, are encouraged to pray along until the words become familiar.

These simple moments of prayer help create a daily rhythm of faith and provide opportunities for our students to pause, reflect and remain grounded in God throughout the school day.



### Mission Prayer

Good and Gracious God,  
help us to grow as a community  
centered in Jesus Christ,  
witnessing to your goodness.

May we like Mary,  
grow in the spirit of the Gospel,  
in love and respect for all,  
and in service of one another.

Help us to strive for excellence  
in all we teach and do,  
so that your kingdom may come on earth,  
and we can truly make a difference  
in our world.

Amen.

### NDA End of Day Prayer

As this school day draws to a close,  
Lord, I reflect with satisfaction on my  
accomplishments.

Thank you for giving me the  
opportunity to do honorable work.

Where I have succeeded in being a  
true Christian, I am grateful.

Where I have failed, I beg your  
forgiveness.

I will not dwell on the work left  
undone, for with your grace, I will  
be here tomorrow to begin anew.





# Student Life



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

## PARENT MINI-NIGHT

Parents and guardians are invited to join us for Parent Mini-Night on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. This evening is a great opportunity to follow your daughter's class schedule, meet her teachers and get a glimpse of her daily experience at NDA.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus and giving you the chance to connect with our faculty and learn more about the year ahead. We hope to see you there!



ALL-SCHOOL MASS

## BEGINNING OUR SCHOOL YEAR IN FAITH

What a beautiful way to begin our school year together! Last Friday, our Notre Dame Academy community gathered for the first All-School Mass of the 2026–27 school year, celebrating our shared faith and asking God's blessing on the year ahead.

Our chaplain, Fr. Kunath, reflected on the life of St. Pius X, whose feast we celebrated that day. Born into a poor family, St. Pius X continued to live simply even after becoming Pope, reminding us that true richness is found not in what we have, but in how faithfully we live.

Fr. Kunath also challenged our students to recognize that faith is ultimately a choice each of us must make. In a culture that can sometimes suggest the Church has little to offer, he reminded us that choosing a life of faith gives us far more than we can fully understand or imagine.

It was a fitting message as we begin our year as Sisters in Mission: Becoming Women of Faith Who Learn, Lead & Serve With Purpose. Our mission begins with faith, and we were reminded that becoming women of faith means choosing that faith and continuing to grow in it each day.

May God bless our Pandas and guide us throughout this school year as we learn, lead and serve together.





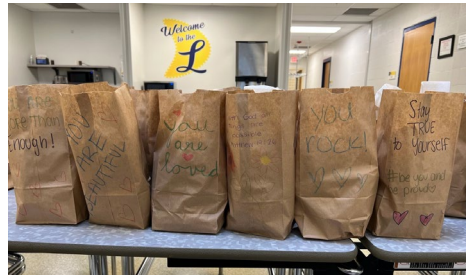
## SISTERS IN MISSION

# SOCCER SERVES WITH PURPOSE

Our Panda soccer teams are making a difference both on and off the field!

Our Freshman, JV and Varsity soccer teams recently came together to support Welcome House of NKY, bringing in everything needed to pack lunches for our neighbors in need. The girls added an extra touch of kindness by decorating each lunch bag with positive and faith-filled messages, including "You are loved," "With God all things are possible," and "Color the world with kindness."

We love seeing our Pandas put their faith into action and demonstrate that being part of a team is about much more than what happens on the field. Through their service, these student-athletes are living our mission by recognizing the needs of others and using their gifts to make a difference.



## CONGRATULATIONS, CAROLINE!

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Congratulations to NDA senior Caroline Bramlage, who was recently honored by Cincinnati Children's Hospital with the "Making a Difference" Award!

Caroline was selected for this special recognition from among the summer high school volunteers serving across Cincinnati Children's hospital campuses. This summer marked Caroline's third year volunteering in the same area, where she works with children who are developmentally behind due to neglect.

Through her compassion, commitment and willingness to serve some of the most vulnerable children in our community, Caroline is truly living the mission of Notre Dame Academy to make a difference in the world. She is a wonderful example of a young woman using her gifts to serve others with purpose.

We are incredibly proud of Caroline and grateful for the way she represents NDA in our community. Congratulations, Caroline!





## FUTURE PANDA DAY

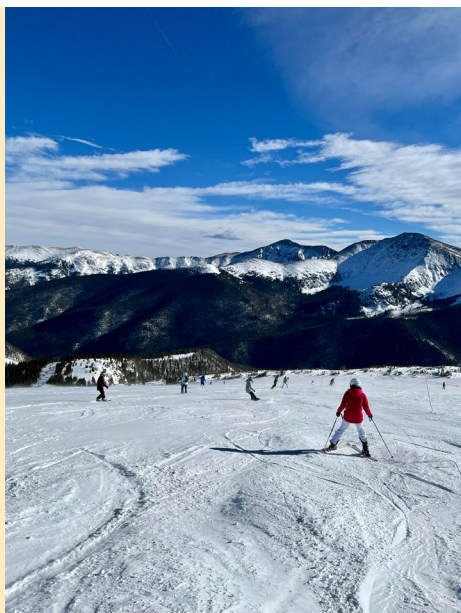
# THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR NDA SOCCER!

The future looks bright for NDA Soccer! Last weekend, we loved welcoming so many young athletes to campus for Future Panda Day.

Our future Pandas had the opportunity to spend time with NDA soccer players, cheer on the team and experience firsthand the spirit, energy and sisterhood that make NDA Athletics so special.

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for a great day of Panda soccer. We hope our Future Pandas had as much fun as we did, and we cannot wait to see some of these young athletes wearing the blue and gold one day!

Go Pandas!



## NDA'S 5TH COLORADO SKI TRIP

# ONLY 6 SPOTS REMAIN!

Registration is open for NDA's 5th Colorado Ski Trip, and spots are filling quickly! Only 8 of 24 spots remain!

Whether you're an experienced skier or have never skied before, all skill levels are welcome. With the trip taking place March 10-14, there's plenty of time for beginners to get some practice runs in at Perfect North before heading to Colorado. Don't miss out on an unforgettable trip to the mountains with NDA! Register [HERE](#) to secure your spot!

Questions? Please reach out to Ms. Dooling at [doolingm@ndapandas.org](mailto:doolingm@ndapandas.org) for more information.



# MOCK TRIAL



## JOIN NDA MOCK TRIAL

### TAKE YOUR CASE TO COURT!

Interested in law, courtroom drama or even acting? NDA's Mock Trial Team might be for you!

Students interested in learning more are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, August 31, in Room 105.

Mock Trial gives students the opportunity to learn about the law and courtroom procedures while developing skills in public speaking, critical thinking and performance. Mock Trial is also a class for which students receive academic credit.

Team members practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, with additional practices as competitions approach. The team participates in at least three competitions outside our area, so some travel is involved.

Come to the meeting and see if Mock Trial is right for you! Questions? Contact Mrs. [Chrissy Monohan](#).



## NEON NIGHT!

### GREAT START TO THE YEAR!

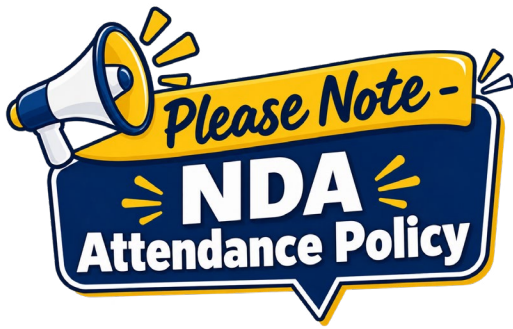
NDA's first Mixer of the school year was a great time! Students filled the gym on Saturday night for our Neon-Themed Mixer, enjoying music, dancing, games and plenty of glowing fun.

It was a great way to kick off the new school year, reconnect with friends, meet new classmates and make some fun memories together.

A big thank you to Student Council for sponsoring the event and helping make our first Mixer of the year such a success!

**NEON  
NIGHT!**





## REPORTING ABSENCES

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have a dedicated attendance email for parents to report an absence or early dismissal. Please use this email if your daughter is sick or needs to leave school early: [attendance@ndapandas.org](mailto:attendance@ndapandas.org). Remember you can always call the school office with any questions (859) 261-4300.



## DELICIOUS NEWS

### CAFETERIA INFORMATION

What's for lunch? Check out all of the delicious options on our website!

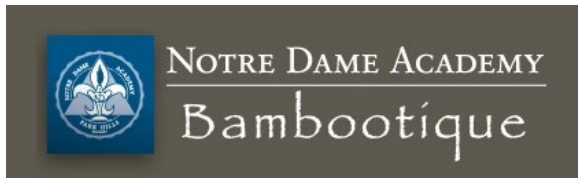
[CLICK HERE FOR ALL NDA CAFETERIA INFORMATION](#)

## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

### SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Looking for the latest NDA spiritwear? Stop by the Bambootique and stock up on your favorite blue and gold gear! From NDA apparel and accessories to great gifts for Pandas of all ages, the Bambootique has everything you need to show your Panda pride all year long.

Be sure to stop in and see what's new. Shop at the Bambootique in person or online [HERE](#).



## 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](#).

# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## PANDA ATHLETICS

### GOLF

Congratulations to our Varsity Golf team, who defeated St. Ursula at Oasis Golf Club! Maria Penaranda was the medalist with an impressive 3-under 33!

The Varsity team has matches this week against Beechwood and Dixie Heights, followed by the Marcus Camacho Golf Tournament this weekend. JV takes on Campbell County this Friday, while our Panda Squad continues to improve each week with their private coaching sessions. Great work, Pandas!



### Cross Country

The Cross Country team hosted its annual Pandas Classic/Diocese Meet on Saturday. Our Varsity, JV, and Middle School teams all turned in great times!

A huge thank-you to all of our parents who volunteered and helped make the event a tremendous success. With 1,200 runners from across the state, it was quite a day!



Next up is Saturday Night Lights in Centerville this weekend. Good luck, Pandas!

### Soccer

Soccer continues to have a great season on the field! The Pandas suffered their first loss of the season to Carmel High School, falling 0-1 on Saturday, but bounced back with a win over Badin.

The teams are gearing up for a big weekend on the road. Freshman Soccer takes on Assumption Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., followed by Varsity taking on another state powerhouse, Central Hardin.



Good luck to all of our Soccer Pandas!



## Volleyball

Our Volleyball teams are off to a hot start, picking up wins over Highlands, Cooper, and Campbell County!

On Thursday, August 27, Volleyball will host its first home match and welcome alumnae back for a special Alumnae Event.

This week, the Pandas take on McNicholas before finishing the weekend with a Volleyball Showcase featuring Beechwood and Lexington Catholic.

Mark your calendars for Playing for a Purpose on October 10! Our Pandas will take on Beechwood at Boone County High School for this special event.

**Keep it rolling, Pandas!**



| Match Schedule |         |
|----------------|---------|
| FRESHMAN MATCH | 5:00 PM |
| JV MATCH       | 6:00 PM |
| Varsity MATCH  | 7:00 PM |

| FRESHMAN | 5:00 PM |
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| JV       | 6:00 PM |
| Varsity  | 7:00 PM |

| 4:30 PM | FRESHMAN GAME |
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| 6:00 PM | JV GAME       |
| 7:30 PM | Varsity GAME  |

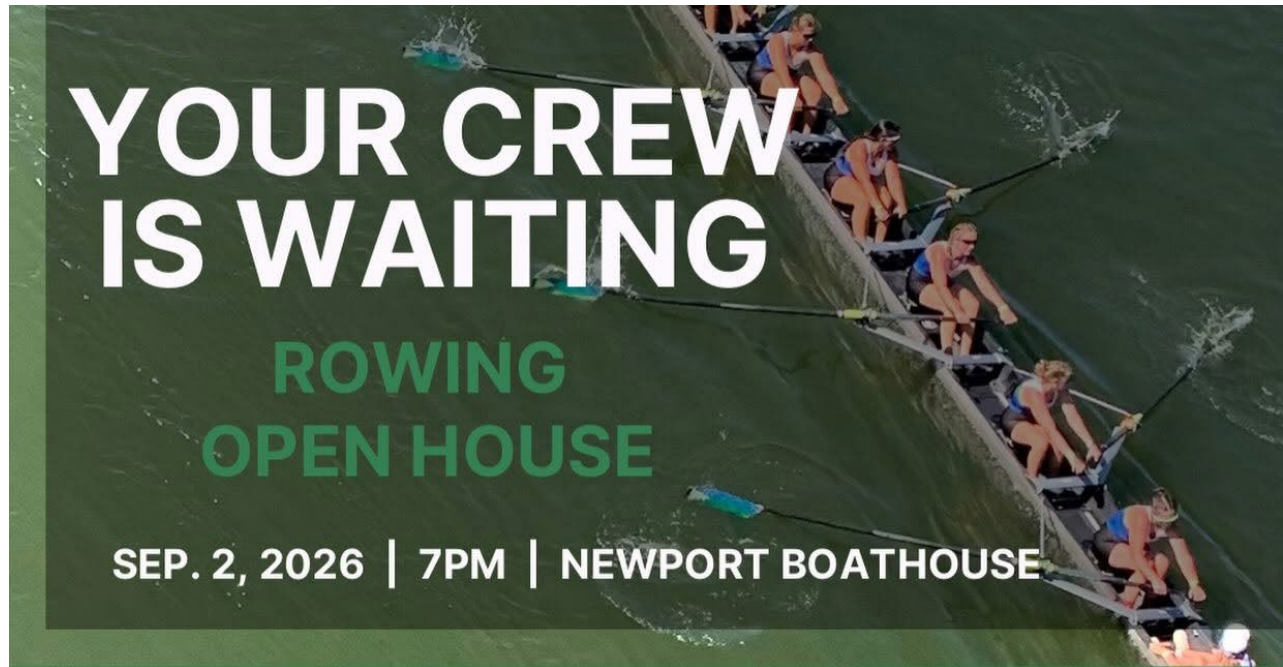


ROWING OPEN HOUSE

## YOUR CREW IS WAITING

Come join the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club (CJRC) to learn an Olympic sport! No experience is needed to join. CJRC accepts students in grades 6–12 providing multiple levels of advancement. This is a no-cut, no-bench sport providing an opportunity to grow as a person and athlete!

Join us for our Fall Open House on September 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newport Boathouse (450 W 5th St., Newport, KY 41071) to meet the coaches, see the facility, and to meet other current/prospective rowers. All interested are welcome to visit. This is not a commitment to joining. Even if you cannot join in the fall, please consider joining us to learn more information for the winter and spring seasons.



Learn an Olympic sport, travel to top regattas, and open doors to college recruiting.

No experience needed

**| Novice practice begins Sep. 3 |**



COME FIND YOUR CREW



Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club



# STUDENT SERVICES



## COLLEGE FAIR OPPORTUNITY

### EXPLORE YOUR COLLEGE OPTIONS— ALL IN ONE PLACE!

Students and families are invited to the Northern Kentucky Regional College Fair. Connect with representatives from approximately 50 local and regional colleges and universities, ask questions, explore programs and opportunities, and discover the college that could be the right fit for you.

**September 29, 2026 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Connor Convocation Center | Thomas More University**

**Approximately 50 colleges and universities**

**Before the fair:** Register for your student barcode at **StriveFair.com** to make connecting with colleges quick and easy.

Visit <https://bit.ly/NKYRCF26> for more information!

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

### NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

**CLICK HERE** for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students and families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### SIGN-UP FOR DRUG FREE CLUB!

All parents are encouraged to sit with their daughters and sign up for Drug Free Club, the largest club at NDA. All students in Drug Free Club are drug tested, by medical professionals, at least once a year, with random testing popping up throughout the year. This gives your daughter the opportunity to turn down the offer of trying drugs because they might get tested. At NDA the administration and faculty never find out the results of a drug test. If something is identified by the test, parents will be contacted by the Drug Free Clubs of America parent organization.



At NDA, we work hard to recognize and reward Drug Free Club members with gift cards, goody bags, hot chocolate mornings, popsicle afternoons and more! There is a cost associated with the club to cover the testing, but NDA subsidizes this cost by paying a portion of every student's fee. The final cost to families is \$25 per school year. However, freshman families who sign up for all four years this year will get their senior year free! Signing up for all four years as a freshman means families only pay \$75 instead of \$100 for four years of membership.

To sign up use the [link found here](#) and reach out to Mrs. Maggard with any questions about the club or how to sign up!

# Advancing the Mission

ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED!

## *Light the Night* for NDA GIFT GATHERING PARTY



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



7:30 P.M.



TICKETS



EXPERIENCES



LIBATIONS



CASH

Bring Tickets, Experiences, Libations or Cash. All donations help to make Light the Night for NDA a success!

## LIGHT *the* NIGHT for NDA



AN EVENING TO  
*Celebrate*

THE MISSION OF  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

*Save the Date!*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

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COVINGTON, KENTUCKY



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# Important dates

|               |                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 4   | Picture Day                                                |
| September 7   | No School - Labor Day                                      |
| September 8   | St. Joe's Crescent Springs Shadow Day<br>Parent Mini Night |
| September 10  | Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day                               |
| September 14  | Junior Retreat                                             |
| September 17  | Alumnae Rosary                                             |
| September 18  | Mid Quarter<br>Club Orientation                            |
| September 21  | Junior Retreat                                             |
| September 22  | St. Pius X Shadow Day                                      |
| September 23  | Scholarship Breakfast                                      |
| September 24  | St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day                   |
| September 29  | Non-Feeder Shadow Day                                      |
| October 1     | Foundation Day                                             |
| October 4     | Golden Graduates Mass and Lunch                            |
| October 8-9   | No School - PD Days                                        |
| October 10    | Playing for a Purpose Volleyball at Boone County HS        |
| October 15    | Alumnae Rosary                                             |
| October 16    | NDA/CCH Frosh Halloween Bash                               |
| October 21-23 | Senior Retreat                                             |
| October 22    | Freshman/Alum Halloween Party                              |
| November 2    | Remembrance Mass                                           |
| November 8    | Open House                                                 |
| November 14   | Light the Night for NDA                                    |
| November 19   | Alumnae Rosary                                             |
| November 19   | Alumnae Dinner Theatre                                     |



## SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Catholic Family Night at Great American Ball Park
- Preschool Aide Position Available
- Real Talk & Real Hope 2026