



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

# Panda Press Weekly

August 27, 2025

THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Panda Families,

What a gift it has been to enjoy the first hints of fall this past week. The crisp mornings, blue skies and golden afternoons have been a reminder of God's beauty in creation and the joy of this season. On campus, you can feel the energy of students hard at work both in and out of the classroom — diving into lessons, practicing on the fields and preparing for performances. Their commitment and enthusiasm inspire me daily.

As we continue in our school theme — *Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly. Serve Boldly. Shine with Grace.* — I am reminded that the rhythm of the school year is about more than academics or athletics alone. It is about the ways our students learn to balance effort with gratitude, discipline with joy and personal goals with service to others. This balance is what makes the NDA experience so transformative.

Like many of you, I was saddened to hear today's news of a tragic shooting at a Catholic school in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, these events have become all too common in our world, and we hold those communities in our prayers. At Notre Dame Academy, we remain deeply grateful for the care and vigilance within our own community. With the guidance of our school resource officer and the steady presence of our Crisis Management Team, we are committed to providing a safe and faith-filled environment where your daughters can continue to learn, grow and thrive.

Part of that commitment is the regular practice of safety drills. In addition to Run, Hide, Fight drills, we also prepare for fire and severe weather situations. I am very proud to share that during our recent fire drill, the students were so responsible and efficient that they earned an extra spirit wear day. Many teachers remarked that it was the best and most effective drill they had seen. Kudos to our students for handling these important practices with courage, grace and calm.

I also want to thank you for the many ways you support our mission. From volunteering and attending events to keeping our community in prayer, your partnership makes a real difference. I invite you to continue walking with us as we look ahead to Light the Night for NDA on Saturday, October 4. Together, we will celebrate and strengthen the Catholic education that has shaped young women at NDA for 120 years.

May we all take a moment this week to pause, breathe in the crisp fall air and give thanks for the blessings of this community!

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!



You're invited to the

## 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 cards to local  
restaurants to be  
used in auction  
baskets or gift  
card pull



Rare  
bourbon



Entertainment /  
Sports Tickets



Contribute to  
larger gift card  
raffle with a cash /  
Venmo donation

## 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!



## 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

### UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to join us for the following times of prayer.

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 29 and Tuesday, September 2 in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at 7:20 a.m.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, August 28.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### FIRST COLLECTION SUCCESS!

On Wednesday, August 20 we held our Back to School Drive benefiting the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. We collected 110 backpacks, 300+ supplies of pens, markers, notebooks, filler paper, folders etc, as well as \$1380 for the center to use to purchase whatever is needed to help the students start their school year with everything they need! Thank you to all who contributed to making this collection a success!

## FAITH FORMATION

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are several upcoming service opportunities that are in need of volunteers. Students should check out the [Upcoming Opportunities page](#) for more information and sign up links.

- Foster Adoptive Parent Association of NKY is looking for help on August 30 baby sitting while parents are in a training session.

- St. Timothy's Oktoberfest is Sept 15-18 and is still in need of volunteers.



SERVING OTHERS



## FAITH FORMATION

### SENIOR RETREAT REGISTRATION FORMS

Senior Retreat Registration forms were handed out to seniors on August 25 are due back by Wednesday, Sept 3. Seniors should be reviewing the retreat dates with their parents, coaches, directors etc to list any conflicts with the retreat dates. If you have any questions - please reach out to Mrs. Price at [priceb@ndapandas.org](mailto:priceb@ndapandas.org). Once all forms are collected and the information is reviewed final retreat lists will be sent out.



# Student Life



SAVE THE DATE FOR PROM

## ANCHORS AWAY FOR PROM 2026!

Get ready, Pandas — it's official! Notre Dame Academy's Prom will set sail on Saturday, April 18, 2026, aboard the BB Riverboat. From the moment you step on deck, you'll be cruising into a night filled with music, laughter, and memories you'll treasure long after the boat returns to shore.

More details are on the horizon, but for now, mark your calendars and start dreaming of a prom night that's sure to make waves.



RECAP

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES FRIDAY

Last Friday during homeroom, Pandas had a blast with Family Activities Friday! Students faced off in pickleball, kickball, dodgeball, and other family system games, showing off their competitive spirit and teamwork.

The Purple Family pulled ahead in the standings thanks to a stellar turnout from their freshmen at the Neon Mixer and strong participation on Friday. With more family activities to come, the race for the top spot is just getting started!

# FRIDAY



# FAMILY FUN!



## “LINGUA LATINA VIVIT” (THE LATIN LANGUAGE LIVES) LATIN MASS AT NDA

All NDA Latin students (Latin I–IV) will participate in a special Latin Mass on Thursday, September 25, at 3:15 p.m. in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Kunath with the Bishop’s permission, giving students the chance to experience Latin in action and deepen their connection to the Church.

Parents, relatives, and members of the NDA community — including alumnae who studied Latin — are welcome to attend. Students will review prayers and texts in advance to help them follow along and will receive participation credit for attending.

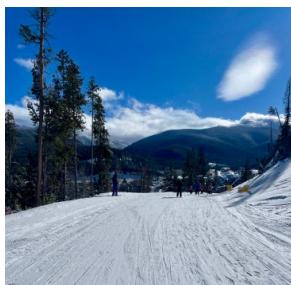
This is a unique opportunity for our Latin program to come together as a community. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you!

For questions, please contact [Ms. Elizabeth Barnes](#). If a Latin student has a sports game or another unavoidable conflict that afternoon, please email Ms. Barnes in advance.



## OPEN YOUR HOME, SHARE YOUR WORLD! HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

NDA is looking for one host family for our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) from January 2025 to March 2025. This student speaks English very well and there is also a stipend available to help cover expenses. She only expects to see average American student life and nothing extravagant. Please call or email Sammie Bezold at 859-292-1884/[bezolds@ndapandas.org](mailto:bezolds@ndapandas.org) if you would be interested in more information about this exciting opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment.



## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER! 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.

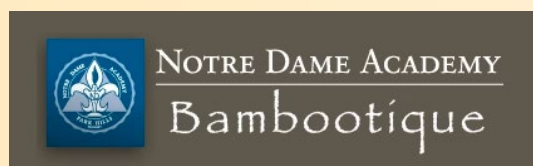


Can you help?

#### CAN YOU HELP?

### SOPHOMORE IN NEED OF CARPOOL

There is a sophomore in need of some carpool arrangements. She splits her time between Florence and Ft. Mitchell and needs help getting to and from school from both locations. 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 student so that you can discuss her exact needs and how you might help.



#### NDA BAMBOOTIQUE

### PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Panda pride all season long with fresh gear from the NDA Bambootique! From classic favorites to new fan must-haves, our Panda spirit wear is the perfect way to cheer on your team in style.

Shop conveniently online and find the latest Panda Fan gear [HERE](#). Don't wait — get game-day ready and show off your NDA pride wherever you go!

#### 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).



#### 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](#).



## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

### VIRTUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Covington has released the updated schedule of VIRTUS trainings through the end of 2025. Sessions are offered at various schools and diocesan locations, including one here at NDA.

#### Upcoming sessions include:

St. Edward, Cynthiana – Sunday, August 24, 2025 | 1-3:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Academy, Room 202 (Spanish) – Monday, August 25, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Fort Mitchell – Thursday, August 28, 2025 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Wednesday, September 11, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

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Additional sessions are scheduled monthly through November 2025.

For the full list of training dates and locations, visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

For questions, contact Marylu Steffen, Safe Environment Database Coordinator and VIRTUS Administrator, at [msteffen@covdio.org](mailto:msteffen@covdio.org) or 859-392-1565.

## 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, visit:**

<https://local.prestigeportraits.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

### Golf

Varsity also had a practice and played a scramble where the players discussed what shot was the best to use and why.

Unfortunately, JV's match with St Henry was rained out this week. Since it is late in the season, it is unknown if the match will be rescheduled.

JV had a match with Simon Kenton and all players played well, but narrowly lost the match as a team.

The Varsity team will be travelling to Frankfort, KY to play in the Gene Hilen Invitational on Saturday August 30.

### Cross Country

Cross Country Opens Season with Sunrise-to-Sunset Racing

The NDA Pandas cross country team kicked off their season in unforgettable fashion last Saturday—racing just after sunrise at the Panda Classic and wrapping up under the lights at Saturday Night Lights that evening.

The Panda Classic brought over 2,000 athletes and fans to our meet, where the Pandas delivered strong opening performances and set a solid starting point for the season. Later that night, the team capped off a long day of racing with more standout efforts at Saturday Night Lights, showcasing their depth, toughness, and early-season potential.

Special thanks go out to all the parents and volunteers who helped manage the chaos of hosting such a large event. From parking and concessions to the finish line, their support made the day possible.

The Pandas now head into a training-focused “racing off week” before returning to competition fresh, healthy, and ready to chase big goals this fall

### Volleyball

#### NDA Volleyball This Week

**8/25** – The FR & JV Pandas open the week at home vs. St. Henry!

FR – 5:30 PM | JV – 6:30 PM (No Varsity match)

**8/26** – NDA Volleyball hits the road to face Cooper!

FR – 5:00 PM | JV – 6:00 PM | Varsity – 7:00 PM

**8/29–8/30** – Varsity travels to Gainesville, FL, for the Nike Tournament of Champions – Southeast!

[Site & Schedule](#)

## Volleyball Continued

### Upcoming Key Dates

**9/3** – Big home match vs. Louisville Mercy

FR – 5:30 PM | JV – 6:30 PM | Varsity – 7:30 PM

**9/4** – Away at St. Ursula

FR – 4:30 PM | JV – 5:30 PM | Varsity – 6:30 PM

**9/6** – Alumni Day! Celebrate with us at home vs. Roger Bacon

FR – 10:00 AM | JV – 11:00 AM | Varsity – 12:00 PM



## Soccer

Soccer has been very busy with games Since our last Panda Press Weekly, they have played Assumption with a final score of 2 - 1. Then they played Central Hardin where they lost with a 1 - 0 score. They traveled to Badub High on Monday evening where they beat the Rams 1 - 0.

Up next is Bishop Brossart on Wednesday 8/27 at Notre Dame Academy.



### ATTENTION PANDAS!

## CHEER ON YOUR PANDAS AND WIN A PARKE!


Fall sports are heating up, and GAA wants you in the stands! Come cheer for NDA volleyball and soccer at their important upcoming games for a chance to win a brand-new Parke sweatshirt. Mark your calendars!

**Important Games**  
GAA WILL BE THERE

**VOLLEYBALL**

	VS		03 SEPT. 7:30 PM T: COUNTRY
	VS		25 SEPT. 7:30 PM T: ADAM SANDLER
	VS		11 OCT. 7:30 P4P
	VS		15 OCT. 7:00 PM SENIOR NIGHT

**SOCCER**

	VS		13 SEPT. 1PM T: BAKER
	VS		15 SEPT. 7:45 PM PINK GAME
	VS		17 SEPT. 7:45 PM SENIOR NIGHT
	VS		24 SEPT. 7:30 PM T: BUSINESS

Want a chance at a Parke?



Come support your fall sports for a chance at a brand new Parke sweatshirt!

**Bring your school spirit, support your Pandas, and you could go home with the coveted Parke sweatshirt!**

Please join us at **Kicks for Cancer** as the Soccer Pandas dedicate a night to raising awareness and support for individuals and families who have or are battling breast cancer.

Learn how you can join the fight by visiting with organizations **I Have Wings** and **Karen Wellington Foundation** onsite, as well as enjoy tasty treats from local food trucks **Marty's Waffles**, **Better Blends** and **Wildside Experience**.

Help us recognize our survivors, fighters and honor those who lost their battle during our special halftime recognition ceremony.

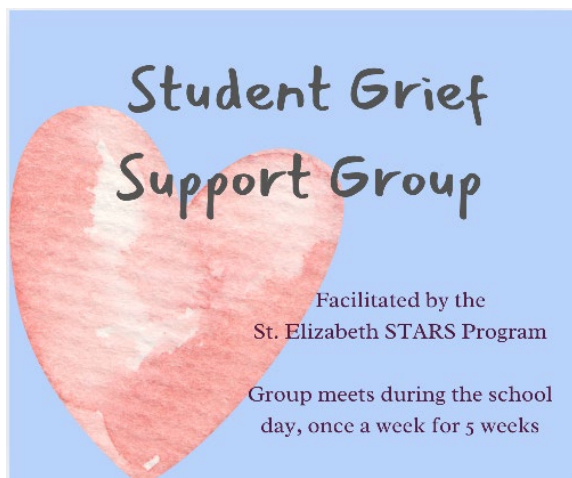
Wear your **PINK** to show support to those who are fighting or have fought breast cancer and let them know that **N**othing is **D**one **A**lone.



Here is a link for shirts to support the event too.  
<https://stores.inksoft.com/nda-k4c>



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



**Student Grief Support Group**

Facilitated by the  
St. Elizabeth STARS Program

Group meets during the school  
day, once a week for 5 weeks

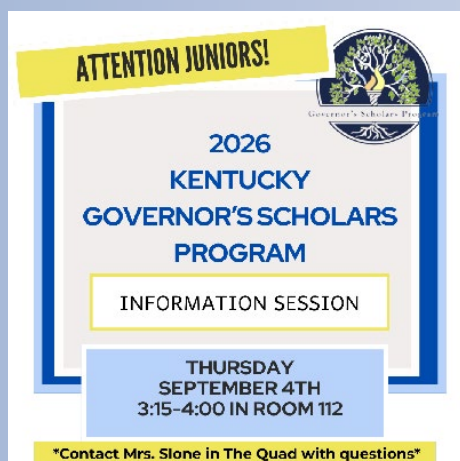
## OPPORTUNITY AT NDA

### 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.



**ATTENTION JUNIORS!**

**2026  
KENTUCKY  
GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS  
PROGRAM**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 4TH  
3:15-4:00 IN ROOM 112**

**\*Contact Mrs. Slone in The Quad with questions\***

## GSP 2026

### ATTENTION JUNIORS

Are you interested in learning about the 2026 Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program? Come by room 112 after school on September 4 from 3:15-4:00 p.m. for an information session all about GSP and the application process. Look forward to seeing you there!



## JOIN TODAY!

### SIGN UP FOR DRUG FREE CLUB!

Drug Free Club partners with families to help students confidently say no to drugs and substances. Membership provides a simple response — “No, I might get tested” — when faced with peer pressure. Testing is confidential, with results shared only with parents if needed.

At NDA, the majority of students are members, and we celebrate their commitment with rewards like gift cards, goody bags, hot chocolate mornings, and more. Freshmen can sign up for all four years and receive senior year free. NDA also subsidizes the cost, making membership just \$25 per year. To sign up, please visit [this link here](#). Questions? Contact Mrs. Maggard at [maggarde@ndapandas.org](mailto:maggarde@ndapandas.org).

# Important dates

August 28	Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m.
	Light the Night for NDA Sophomore - Senior Gift Gathering Party
August 29	Mass in the Chapel 7:20 a.m.
September 1	No School - Labor Day
September 4	Picture Day
September 8	The Blessed Mother's Birthday!
September 9	Shadow Day - St. Joseph School
September 11	Shadow Day - Blessed Sacrament School
September 12	Mid-Quarter
	Club Orientation
September 15, 16, 17	Junior Pilgrimage Retreat
September 17	Donor Scholarship Breakfast
September 18	Alumnae Rosary
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!