

Dear Panda Families,

In moments of both joy and sorrow, our community at Notre Dame Academy comes together as family. This week we are united in grief but also in gratitude as we remember a woman whose life and legacy shaped generations of students at NDA.

Early this morning we learned that Sister Paul Ann was called home to God, bringing to a close a life dedicated to 73 years of religious service and 43 years of devoted ministry at Notre Dame Academy.

Before school today our faculty and staff gathered in the chapel to pray the rosary for Sister Paul Ann. In the coming days our community will continue to honor her life with prayer. We are planning a schoolwide prayer service likely on Friday, and next week students will pray a living rosary for her. They will also honor her funeral procession with some serving as an honor guard, others attending in person and the rest participating from school via livestream.

Born Helen Margaret Hanneken on January 15, 1932, Sister Paul Ann entered the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1950, professed vows in 1952 and her perpetual profession in 1957. She began her ministry teaching in local schools before being called to leadership within her community. When she returned to NDA, she made her greatest impact as a guidance counselor, admissions director and longtime co-director of the Work Study Program with Sister Mary Rachel Nerone. This program made an NDA education possible for countless families and instilled in generations of Pandas both pride and responsibility in supporting their school.

Sister Paul Ann embodied our theme this year — Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly. Serve Boldly. Shine with Grace. She walked humbly as a woman of prayer, served boldly in her dedication to Catholic education and shone with grace in her joyful, fun-loving spirit. Whether cheering at a game, greeting students with kindness or offering prayers for families in need, she proclaimed God's goodness through the joy with which she lived her vocation.

She will be remembered as the best of the best — an extraordinary servant leader whose life reflected the very heart of our mission. Funeral and visitation details will be shared when available. In the meantime, I ask you to join me in prayer

for Sister Paul Ann, for her Sisters of Notre Dame community and for all who

loved her:

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Her legacy of joy, service and faith will live forever at NDA.

Walk in Faith.

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

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A True Legacy























LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

Last week, we introduced our exciting *Light the Night for NDA* Raffle to students and tickets are already selling quickly! Parents now have the chance to join in and win either a Dyson AirWrap or a \$500 Amazon Gift Card....these are great Christmas gifts!

Tickets are just \$25/ticket, and with only 100 tickets sold for each raffle, they won't last long. All proceeds directly support *Light the Night for NDA*, our biggest fundraiser of the year benefiting every student.

Purchase via Venmo @NotreDame-Academy (please note your raffle of choice in the Venmo memo).

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE IT SELLS OUT!

Tickets are now on sale for *Light the Night for NDA* on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at The Madison Event Center! This signature event sold out last year, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets early. Don't miss an evening of community, celebration, and support for Notre Dame Academy. Get your tickets by September 15!

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!



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.



\$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

A great way to honor A great way to honor 120 years of NOA! \$250 Level Fourth Floor Sponsorship

- Printed program recognition
- Auction site recognition

FAITH IN ACTION



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

DRESS DOWN DAY TO SUPPORT TUNNELS TO TOWERS

A dress down day benefiting the Tunnels to Towers Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Sept 10. Students can dress down for \$3 cash. More information will be shared with the students later this week.



FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING LITURGIES

On Friday, Sept. 5 we will celebrate mass at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel. The intention for this mass will be for Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken, SND. All are welcome to join us. We will also celebrate mass on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:20 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 8 the church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As a way to honor our Blessed Mother, we will gather as a school community to pray a living rosary.

On Monday, Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 11 we will pray a decade of the rosary at 7:45 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome to join us.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to students during PPT on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 9. We will also offer Adoration in the chapel during PPT on Tuesday, Sept. 9. Students are welcome to come for all or part of PPT to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



SERVANT LEADERSHIP

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Students should check out the Upcoming Service Opportunities link on the Padlet each week for service projects and agencies in our area that are in need of volunteers.

The Notre Dame Urban Education Center is in need of tutors for their afterschool program. Students can sign up using **this link**. NDUEC student volunteers also need to have a completed **Emergency Contact form** when they come to volunteer at the center.



PILGRIMAGE RETREAT

JUNIOR RETREAT

The juniors have been assigned to one of three retreat dates: Sept 15, 16 or 17. These lists were shared with the juniors last week. All juniors will participate in the Pilgrimage Retreat which allows them to explore local sacred spaces such as Mother of God, Sts Boniface and James and St. Benedict Churches. While there, students will take part in personal and communal prayer. The retreat runs 9:00 a.m - 2:45 p.m. On the two days that they are not assigned to a retreat they must attend classes as normal. More information will be shared with the juniors early next week regarding what to bring and how to dress.



"LINGUA LATINA VIVIT" (THE LATIN LANGUAGE LIVES)

LATIN MASS AT NDA

We are so excited to welcome you all to the first Latin Class Mass in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. This is a great way to experience the Latin Language in a way that is connected to the tradition and practice of our Catholic Faith. This will be the Novus Ordo mass in Latin - which is the English mass that we typically attend, but in the Latin Language. (Just as if you were to attend mass in France - it would be in the Novus Ordo in French.) This is NOT the Tridentine Latin Mass.

We look forward to celebrating this mass with you all on Sept. 25 at 3:15 p.m. and pray that it is a tradition that we can continue in the years to come.



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SERVICE IN ACTION

FRESHMAN CLASS PROJECT SUPPORTS FAMILIES IN NEED

Before the school year began, our freshman class came together for a service project creating dog toys for the Purple Leash Project. This initiative supports families escaping domestic violence by making sure their pets can remain with them during times of crisis.

Last week, our admissions team delivered the toys to the Ion Center for Violence Prevention in Covington. From there, they will be sent to the Ion Center's Maysville, Kentucky, location, a pet-friendly domestic violence shelter.

We are proud of our freshmen for beginning their NDA journey with service and compassion, and we are grateful to our admissions department for helping ensure their efforts reached families in need.

Student Life



STAY UP TO DATE

GRADE LEVEL CALENDARS

To help families stay organized throughout the school year, we have created grade-specific Important Dates documents. These resources highlight key events, deadlines, and activities for each class. Please take a moment to review your daughter's document so you don't miss anything:

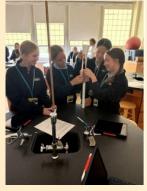
Senior Class Important Dates

Junior Class Important Dates

Sophomore Class Important Dates

Freshman Class Important Dates







STEM AT NDA

FRESHMAN BIOLOGY STUDENTS **ENGINEER CREATIVE WATER TOWERS**

Last week, freshman biology students faced an exciting challenge. They were tasked with using their knowledge of technological and experimental design to create a "water tower" from everyday household items. The towers needed to stand 50 cm tall and support the weight of 100 pennies. As they designed their solutions, students had to consider various factors, including budget, available materials, and time constraints. It was truly amazing to witness how each group worked together, and how they used their problem solving skills to create so many unique towers!









ATTENTION PARENTS

HAVE YOU CREATED A POWERSCHOOL PARENT ACCOUNT?

PowerSchool parent accounts provide a wealth of information about your daughter's attendance and academic progress as well as other information. If you have not yet created a PowerSchool parent account, you will need an Access ID and Access Password available from Mr. Schlosser to get started. Instructions on how to create the parent account can be found on the NDA website by following the Resources > PowerSchool link.

https://www.ndapandas.org/current-students/resources/powerschool

Note that there are two sets of directions, one for creating the parent account the first time and another if you wish to add an additional daughter to an existing account (even if that account is for a daughter who is now an alumna). If you have any questions or run into any problems creating the parent account, please contact Raymond Schlosser at schlosserr@ndapandas.org or (859) 292-1846.



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 <u>HERE</u>. 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 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**.



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.



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**.

CAMPUS SAFETY DDEDADED

PREPARED, PRACTICED AND PROTECTED

At Notre Dame Academy, the safety of our students is a top priority. With the guidance of our new School Resource Officer and the support of the Kentucky Center for School Safety, we continue to strengthen our emergency preparedness efforts. Alongside our Crisis Management Team, we regularly practice a range of drills to ensure students and staff are ready for any situation.

These include Run, Hide, Fight training, fire drills and severe weather procedures. Each drill is approached as a serious practice for real-life preparedness, and our students continue to impress us with their calm and responsible participation. Faculty consistently remark on the courage and maturity students display during these exercises.

By partnering with experts and integrating these practices into our school routine, NDA is committed to providing a safe and faith-filled environment where every student can focus on learning, growing, and thriving.

CAMPUS SAFETY



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:

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

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Diocesan Curia, Covington - Monday, September 29, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington - Monday, September 29, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 6-8:30 p.m.

Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Fort Mitchell – Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Diocesan Curia, Covington – Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 9-11:30 a.m.

Additional sessions are scheduled monthly through November 2025.

For the full list of training dates and locations, visit **www.virtuson-line.org**.

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



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



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

Volleyball

- 8/29 8/30: NDA Volleyball finished 4-2 at the Tournament of Champions in Gainesville, FL and winning the Bronze Bracket! They faced off teams from three different states!
- 9/3: Home Match against Mercy Academy (FR 5:30, JV 6:30, VAR 7:30)
- 9/4: NDA at St. Ursula in Cincinnati (FR 4:30, JV 5:30, VAR 6:30)
- 9/6: Home Match against Roger Bacon (FR 10 a.m., JV 11 a.m., VAR 12 p.m.) Feature night: Alumnae Night with all alumnae invited to the match to cheer on the Pandas!

Cross country

XC Teams Push Through Tough Week of Training, Ready for Big Races Ahead

The Notre Dame Academy cross country team had a strong week of training, tackling repeat intervals, pacing the infamous Hill Yeah workout, and finishing the week with a steady moderate run and long runs. The team's effort this week echoed this year's motto "the body can achieve what the mind believes".

9/6 brings two big races:

- The Rumble In the Jungle Many of the Varsity runners are heading south to compete against some of the top talent in the State.
- Diocese Meet The rest of the team will represent NDA at the Diocese schools meet at Villa. Races beginning at 8:00 a.m. and they would enjoy any Panda support!

The team's spirit and momentum are building as the season takes shape, and the Pandas are eager to keep pushing toward their goals. Go Pandas!

Soccer

Last week the Pandas took on 2 tough opponents, Badin (OH) and #12 Bishop Brossart

The Badin match was won on last minute heroics by Sophomore, Taylor Murphy. She collected the ball from 30 yds out, weaved through a couple opponents and took a shot from the top of the box, which zipped past the keeper and into the net. Pandas won the match 1-0.

On Wednesday, The Pandas took on local opponent, Bishop Brossart. It was an eventful match with tons of back and forth action. Sadie Yapp scored early on a beautifully played ball in behind by Julia Stegman. The Pandas went ahead 1-0. Unfortunately for us, the Mustangs came up with an equalizer later in the match, which ended 1-1.

This week, Varsity and JV head South to take on #4 Simon Kenton and then head to Indiana on Saturday to take on the Carmel Greyhounds.

Freshman play Highlands under the lights

Golf

The Varsity Golf Team had a match with St. Henry and came away with a win. The Varsity Golf Team also competed in the Gene Hilen Invitational in Frankfort on Saturday, August 30. While the team was missing the 2 players and playing a tough course, they still had a team total under 400.

This week there are several matches scheduled: Varsity Matches against St. Ursula and Conner, and the Marcus Camacho Invitational in Dry Ridge on Saturday. JV has scheduled matches with Conner and Campbell County.

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!



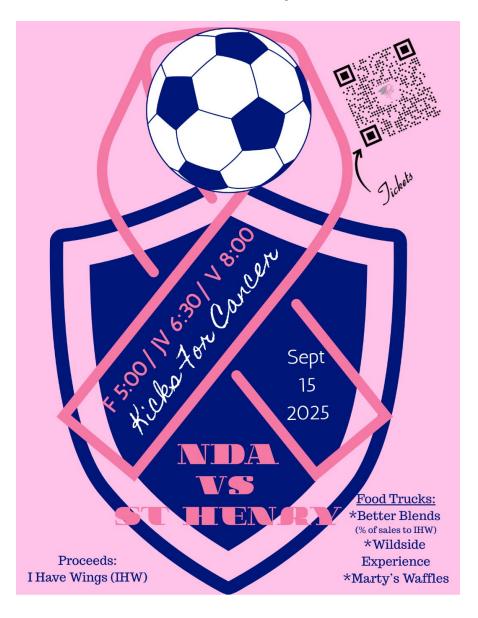


Please join us at **Kicks for Cancer** as the Soccer Pandas dedicate a night to raising awareness and support for individuals and families who have or are battling breast cancer.

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 Nothing is Done Alone.



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

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



NaviGo Scholars What is it?

- · What is NaviGo Scholars?
- · Who is eligible?
- · What does it cost?
- · When does it meet?
- What industries/businesses involved?
- How can it help you or your student?

VIRTUAL INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS & STUDENTS-AUGUST 19TH 6:00-7:00PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED-SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER. LINK WLL BE EMAILED BY 5PM ON 8/19.





Questions? Email navigo@learning-grove.org



EXPLORE & APPLY FOR 2025-26 NAVIGO SCHOLARS



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Learn more and apply: navigoprep.com/navigo-scholars

Kick-Off Event – Save the Date Sunday, September 14th | 2:00–4:00 PM For selected Scholars, families & sponsors. More info to follow.











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NAVIGO SCHOLARS 2025-26

Are you interested in gaining hands-on experience in fields such as artificial intelligence, automotive careers, business and entrepreneurship, mental health, skilled trades, cyber defense, education, manufacturing and engineering, or law? The NaviGo Scholars program is a dynamic, work-based learning opportunity that connects high school students with local businesses to explore future career pathways.

Through this program, students apply to specific Scholars groups, and sponsors personally select the participants for their customized teams. Past NDA participants have loved the experience and found it an excellent way to explore possible career paths.

- · Important Information:
- · Applications Open: August 1
- Virtual Info Session for Parents and Students: Tuesday, August 19, 6–7 p.m. (registration required, link will be emailed by 5 p.m. that day)
- · Application Deadline: Wednesday, September 3
- Notification of Selection: Monday, September 8
- Kick-Off Event: Sunday, September 14, 2–4 p.m. at Thomas More University

2025-26 NaviGo Scholars Groups Include:

- · Artificial Intelligence (NKU) Fall & Spring
- · Automotive Careers (The BMW Store) Fall Only
- · Business & Entrepreneurship (NKU & NaviGo) Fall & Spring
- · Education Careers (Learning Grove) Spring Only
- Engineering/Electric/Gas Line/GIS/IT (Duke Energy) Full Year
- · Law/Legal Careers (Salmon P. Chase Inn of Court) Spring Only
- Mental Health Careers (NKCES and local Fiscal Courts) Fall & Spring
- Opening Minds Through Art (Scripps, The Victorian at Riverside) – Full Year
- · Skilled Trades (BIA & Cutter Construction) Fall & Spring
- Toyota Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Full Year (NKY & Central KY groups)
- · Cyber Defense/Cybersecurity (U.S. Bank) Full Year

Click here to learn more and apply

If you have questions, please stop by the Quad or email navigo@learning-grove.org.

Student Grief Support Group Facilitated by the St. Elizabeth STARS Program Group meets during the school day, once a week for 5 weeks

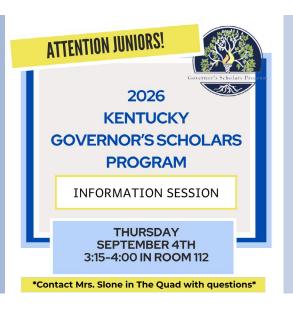
OPPORTUNITY AT NDA

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Notre Dame Academy is partnering with the St. Elizabeth STARS program to offer a grief support group for our students. This onsite 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.



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**.



Important dates

September 4 Picture Day

Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m.

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 2 Information Night for Prospective Panda Families!

October 4 Light the Night for NDA!

October 5 Golden Girls Mass and Luncheon

October 9 No School - Faculty Professional Development

October 10 No School - Faculty Professional Development