



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

September 9, 2026

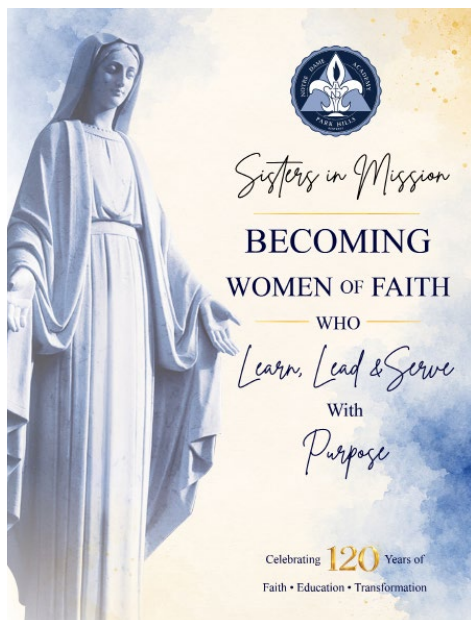
THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Panda Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us last night for Parent Mini-Night! It was wonderful to welcome so many of our Panda parents to campus. I hope that walking through your daughter's schedule, meeting her teachers and experiencing a glimpse of her daily life at NDA helped you feel even more connected to her education. We are truly grateful for your partnership and for the many ways you support your daughter and our school community.

This week also began with a beautiful celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We gathered for Mass in the morning and continued the celebration with cupcakes for our students at lunch. As our patroness, Mary offers us a powerful example of faith, humility, courage and love. Her example continues to inspire us as we help our students become women of faith who learn, lead and serve with purpose.

That mission is alive throughout this week's Panda Press Weekly. Our juniors explored the dignity of every person through Catholic Social Teaching, our physics students put accuracy and precision into practice through a creative hands-on project, and our students continue to grow through retreats, athletics, service and opportunities beyond the classroom. Please keep the juniors attending Monday's retreat in your prayers as they explore sacred spaces and art within our community.



I also hope you will join us for the All-Parent Light the Night Gift Gathering Party on Thursday, September 17, from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Standard in Covington. This will be a fun opportunity to spend time with fellow Panda parents while helping us gather donations for our largest annual fundraiser. Every donated ticket, experience, gift card, bottle of wine or bourbon, or monetary contribution helps make Light the Night for NDA a success.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to walk with us in faith and support the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

Walk in Faith!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



LEARNING TO SEE THE DIGNITY IN EVERY PERSON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This week in Catholic Social Teaching our juniors covered the topic of Disabilities/Different Abilities. Students looked at ways the church supports persons with disabilities of all kinds, discussed stories of persons with varying disabilities and the challenges that they face on a day-to-day basis and heard from a speaker. Mrs. Janie Zembrodt shared her story and journey to helping students of all abilities learn how to best succeed in their studies.



JOIN US!

UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will celebrate mass at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 15 in the chapel. We will pray a decade of the Rosary on Thursday, September 10 and Monday, September 14 at 7:45 a.m.

junior retreat

SACRED SPACES

JUNIOR RETREAT

Our first Junior Retreat will be on Monday, September 14. Please pray for our group of juniors as they explore Sacred Spaces and Art in our Community. Detailed information including a "what to bring" list can be found [here](#). This information was sent to our juniors last week.

SENIOR *Retreat*

FAITH FORMATION

SENIOR RETREATS

The Senior Retreat lists were shared with our students this week and can be found below. A huge thank you to all of our seniors! They all completed their forms on time (a first in many years) making this process so much faster and easier!

[October 21-23, 2026](#)

[November 18-20, 2026](#)

[January 11-13, 2027](#)

SPORTS AND ADORATION

AN EVENING OF PLAYING AND PRAYING

SPORTS AND ADORATION

This is an event hosted by St. Pius X Youth Group and CCH twice a month. While not an official NDA event, our students are invited to attend this evening of playing and praying! Parents, if you would like to stay up to date on dates and times of Sports and Adoration nights at Covington Catholic, you can join this parent GroupMe: https://groupme.com/join_group/116026380/umbNZiJo

JOIN US!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PANDA PARENTS, JOIN US AT THE STANDARD!

For 120 years, Notre Dame Academy has set the standard for educating young women to make a difference in the world. It seems only fitting that we will gather at The Standard for this year's Light the Night Parent Gift Gathering Party!

Join us on Thursday, September 17, from 7-8:30 p.m. at The Standard, located at 434 Main Street in Covington. Enjoy a fun evening with fellow Panda parents while helping us build an exciting auction for Light the Night for NDA.

Parents are encouraged to bring tickets, experiences, gift cards, libations, a monetary donation or another item that could be included in the auction. Sports or concert tickets, vacation stays, restaurant packages, wine, bourbon and retail gift cards are all wonderful possibilities.

Every donation helps make Light the Night for NDA a success and supports the mission and students of Notre Dame Academy. We are grateful to The Standard for partnering with us and welcoming our Panda community.

Questions may be directed to the NDA Advancement Office at (859) 292-1850. We hope to see you there!



CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1906 - 2026

Light the Night for NDA

FAITH ✦ SCHOLARSHIP ✦ SERVICE ✦ LEADERSHIP

GOOD FRIENDS.
GREAT EVENING.
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
FOR OUR PANDAS.

THE STANDARD STATION

Parent Gift Gathering Party

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 7-8:30 P.M.

THE STANDARD
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

TICKETS

EXPERIENCES

LIBATIONS

DONATE

All donations help to make Light the Night for NDA a success!

Student Life

join us!

CALLING ALL PANDA PARENTS!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PLANNING MEETING

Join us tomorrow, Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. for our Mother-Daughter Event Planning Meeting. We'd love your ideas and help as we plan a fun and memorable event for our NDA mothers and daughters. All are welcome — come join us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARY!

CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Yesterday, our NDA community celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, beginning with Mass in the morning and continuing with cupcakes for students at lunch.

The celebration offered our students a joyful opportunity to honor Mary, our patroness, and reflect on her example of faith, humility and love. As we continue through this school year, may Mary inspire each of us to learn, lead and serve with purpose. Mary, our Mother, pray for us!



NDA COMMUNITY VENDORS

NEEDED FOR THE NDA
Mother-Daughter
MARKET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
12-3 P.M.



INTERESTED IN
BEING A VENDOR?

PLEASE EMAIL

PANDAPARENTCLUB@NDAPANDAS.ORG

MOTHER-DAUGHTER MARKET

CALLING ALL NDA COMMUNITY VENDORS!

Are you, or someone you know, a boutique owner, artist, crafter, baker, maker or local vendor? We would love to have you join us for Notre Dame Academy's Mother-Daughter Market & Mingle!

The event will be held on Sunday, October 18, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Academy. This festive afternoon will bring together NDA students and their mothers for shopping, dining, fun and special time together.

We are excited to showcase businesses owned by members of our entire NDA community, including alumnae, parents, grandparents, family members and friends. Vendors offering holiday gifts, jewelry and accessories, clothing and boutique items, candles and home décor, handmade gifts, skincare and beauty products, sweet treats, specialty foods and more are welcome!

There is no upfront vendor fee. Participating vendors are simply asked to donate 10% of their total event sales to Notre Dame Academy.

Interested in participating? Email pandaparentclub@ndapandas.org for more information.



ACCURACY, PRECISION AND A LITTLE MARIO KART FUN PHYSICS STUDENTS MEASURE UP!

Our Physics CP and Honors Physics students recently put accuracy and precision into practice through a hands-on, Mario Kart-themed measurement project. Working in teams, students used scientific measuring tools to collect, record and compare data from miniature cars. The activity challenged them to pay close attention to significant figures, consistency and possible sources of measurement uncertainty. It was a fun and engaging way to see how careful measurements form the foundation of reliable scientific work!

JOIN US!

EXPLORE SPAIN & PORTUGAL!



Students have the opportunity to embark on an unforgettable 11-day journey through Spain and Portugal in June 2027, experiencing the history, art, architecture, and culture of the Iberian Peninsula. From Lisbon's red-tiled rooftops and Seville's flamenco traditions to Madrid's grand boulevards and Barcelona's iconic architecture, students will experience some of Europe's most remarkable cities and landmarks.

There are still spots available! Students interested in joining this incredible experience are encouraged to register soon.

Interest Meeting: September 24 at 7:00 PM

Parents are encouraged to attend, and students are welcome, too. Come learn more about the itinerary, trip details, and what students can expect from this exciting educational adventure!

Ready to join us? [Register here!](#)



THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES SCHOOL PICTURE ORDERING INFO

If you have not yet ordered your daughter's school pictures, there is still time! Please use the ordering information below to view and purchase your daughter's portraits. Order today on mylifetouch.com. Create an account or log in with your Picture Day ID: EVT7JC7MS

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Etiqueta su pedido ahora para obtener precios anticipados para el día de la fotografía en mylifetouch.com.
Crea una cuenta o inicia sesión con tu identificación del Día de la Foto.



Exclusive discounts online!
¡Descuentos en línea exclusivos!

If your daughter missed Picture Day or would like to have her photo retaken, Picture Retake Day is Friday, October 16.



NDA'S 5TH COLORADO SKI TRIP

ONLY A COUPLE OF SPOTS REMAIN!

Registration is open for NDA's 5th Colorado Ski Trip, and spots are filling quickly! Only a couple of 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, 2027, 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 for more information.

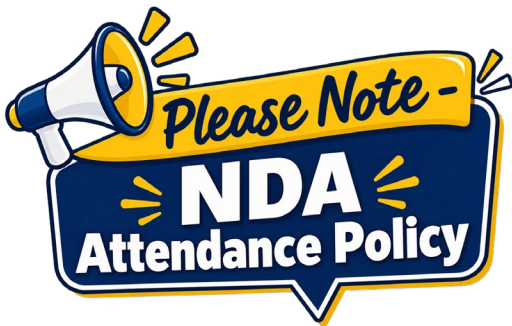


DELICIOUS NEWS

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

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

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



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. Remember you can always call the school office with any questions (859) 261-4300.

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](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE

This past weekend, the Pandas found some time to rest and recharge so they can hit the second half of the fall season hard! Here's what's happening with our teams:

Golf

Due to the excessive heat last week, golf matches were postponed. The team is busy preparing for Senior Night on Wednesday, September 9, at Kenton County Golf Course.

After Senior Night, the Pandas will head to AJ Jolly for the Conference Championship. Good luck, Pandas!

Cross Country

The Cross Country team took the week off from racing over the holiday weekend.

Up next is the Rumble Through the Jungle on Saturday, September 12. Good luck to all of our Panda runners!

Soccer

Our soccer teams had a fantastic Saturday against Campbell County!

Varsity: Pandas win, 3-0

JV: Pandas win, 4-0

Freshman: Pandas win, 4-0

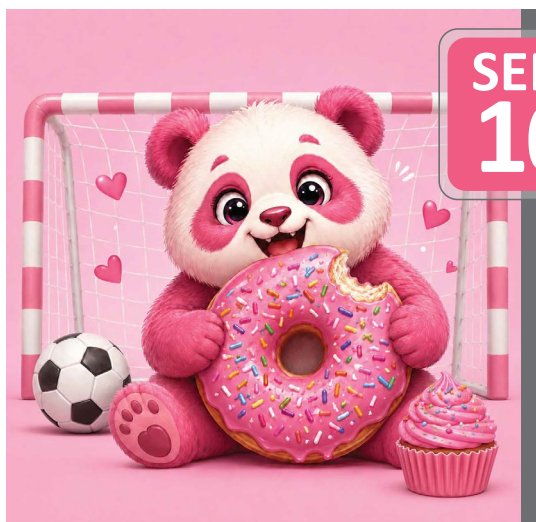
Next up, the Pandas take on Bishop Brossart on Wednesday:

Freshman – 4:30 PM

JV – 6:00 PM

Varsity – 7:30 PM

Come out and support our Pandas!



Kicks for Cancer

NDA SOCCER FUNDRAISER

NDA STUDENTS - Help our soccer team support the *I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation* on Wednesday, September 16th.

\$3 TO BE OUT OF UNIFORM ON
SEPTEMBER 16TH

\$2 SWEET TREATS AVAILABLE
IN THE AFTERNOON

Support your soccer team against Simon Kenton that evening as well!

JV @ 5PM | Varsity @ 7PM

Volleyball

The Volleyball team played Louisville Mercy this past Wednesday, falling 0-3.

This Wednesday, the Pandas take on Ursuline. Come out and cheer our Pandas on!

Be sure to check out the Playing for a Purpose flyer and join us in supporting this special initiative!

Go Pandas!



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

PLAYING for a PURPOSE

I Have Wings®
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

BEECHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL VS. NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

LOCATION:
TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

EVENT SCHEDULE

4:30 PM		FRESHMAN GAME
6:00 PM		JV GAME
7:30 PM		VARSITY GAME

I HAVE WINGS SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOGETHER WE PLAY. TOGETHER WE FIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ATHLETES AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

SWIMMING AND DIVING



You're Invited!

SWIMMING & DIVING KICKOFF MEETING

WE ARE THE NDA AQUA PANDAS!

NEW SEASON. STRONGER TOGETHER. ♥

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14 | 7:30 PM

ALL PARENTS AND SWIMMERS/DIVERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND!

Join us for an important kickoff meeting to meet the coaches, hear key updates, ask questions, and set the tone for an amazing season together.

Let's make a splash!

NDA
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Swimming & Diving

Enjoy some DESSERTS TOGETHER Because... GREAT TEAMS ARE SWEETER TOGETHER.

2026 REGIONAL CHAMPS AND STATE RUNNER-UPS

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 conducted 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

NOVEMBER 14
SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14, and join us at The Madison Event Center for Light the Night for NDA! This special evening will celebrate the mission of Notre Dame Academy and 120 years of educating young women to make a difference in the world. More details and ticket information are coming soon!



A dark blue poster with a starry night sky background. A string of warm white lights hangs across the top right. A large, stylized title 'LIGHT the NIGHT for NDA' is centered, with 'the' in a cursive script. To the left of the title is a circular seal that reads 'CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1906-2026'. Below the title, the text 'Save the Date!' is written in a cursive script, followed by 'SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026' and 'THE MADISON EVENT CENTER COVINGTON, KENTUCKY'. To the right of the title, the text 'AN EVENING TO Celebrate' is written in a cursive script, followed by 'THE MISSION OF NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'. At the bottom, there are three icons: a group of people for 'SPONSOR', a ticket for 'ATTEND', and a heart for 'DONATE'. At the very bottom, a row of text reads 'FAITH * SCHOLARSHIP * SERVICE * LEADERSHIP *'.

LIGHT
the **NIGHT**
for **NDA**

CELEBRATING
120
YEARS
1906-2026

AN EVENING TO
Celebrate

THE MISSION OF
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026
THE MADISON EVENT CENTER
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

SPONSOR ATTEND DONATE

FAITH * SCHOLARSHIP * SERVICE * LEADERSHIP *

Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US **ALUMNAE ROSARY**

On September 17 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.

Important dates

September 10	Blessed Sacrament Shadow Day
September 11	Dress Down Day \$3 - Tunnels 2 Towers
September 14	Junior Retreat
September 17	Alumnae Rosary
September 18	Mid Quarter
	Club Orientation
September 21	Junior Retreat
September 22	St. Pius X Shadow Day
September 23	Benefactor Scholarship Breakfast
September 24	St. Agnes and Prince of Peace Shadow Day
September 25	Fall Pep Rally
September 29	Non-Feeder Shadow Day
October 1	Foundation Day
October 4	Golden Graduates Mass and Lunch
October 7	Super Day #1
October 8-9	No School - PD Days
October 10	Playing for a Purpose Volleyball at Boone County HS
October 13	Super Day #2 - Freshman Retreat, ACT
October 15	Alumnae Rosary
October 16	Picture Retake Day
	NDA/CCH Freshman Halloween Bash - Gardens of Park Hills
October 18	Mother Daughter Market
October 21-23	Senior Retreat #1
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

COMMUNITY NEWS



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- Support Group for Separated and Divorced
- OCIA Workshop: Marriage, Baptism and the Christian Initiation Process
- Real Talk & Real Hope 2026