



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

September 16, 2026

THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Panda Families,

One of the things I love most about Notre Dame Academy is the many ways our students are encouraged to live their faith, discover their gifts and use those gifts in service to others.

That spirit is especially evident throughout our school right now. Whether our students are praying together, competing on the field or court, preparing for a performance, exploring future careers or simply offering words of encouragement to one another, they are learning that who they are becoming matters just as much as what they accomplish.

This past week, I was particularly touched by the messages of faith that Mrs. Sullivan's students shared in sidewalk chalk outside our school. Their words offered a simple but beautiful reminder that faith is not something reserved for Mass or religion class. It is something we are called to carry with us into our everyday lives and share with others.

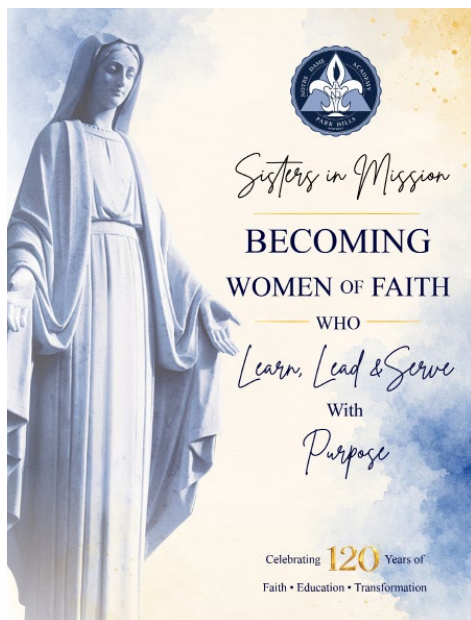
As we continue through this school year and celebrate 120 years of Notre Dame Academy, I am grateful for the many ways our students continue the mission entrusted to us by the Sisters of Notre Dame. They are becoming young women who learn, lead and serve with purpose, and it is a privilege to walk alongside them on that journey.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and for all you do to support our students and our NDA community.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



Walk in Faith!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



JOIN US!

UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 7:25 a.m. on Friday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 22. We will pray a decade of the rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 17 and Monday, September 21. All are welcome to join us.

Our next all school Mass will be at 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, to celebrate the Sisters of Notre Dame's Foundation Day!

girls gone holy

SACRED SPACES

GIRLS GONE HOLY

On Thursday, September 17, during PPT, the Girls Gone Holy group will be holding a Rosary Walk on the track. Students should sign up to be in the chapel for PPT on that day if they would like to pray and walk with us. All students are welcome to join in this event.

STUDENTS SHARE MESSAGES

FAITH TAKES TO THE SIDEWALK

Mrs. Sullivan's religion classes took their learning outside this week, turning the sidewalks in front of Notre Dame Academy into colorful expressions of faith!

Students used sidewalk chalk to share Scripture verses, inspirational messages and words of encouragement for their classmates, teachers and everyone entering our school. The result was a beautiful reminder that our faith is not something we simply learn about in the classroom. It is something we are called to live and share with others.

What a wonderful way for our students to brighten our campus while spreading messages of faith, hope and love!



JOIN US!

TOMORROW NIGHT - 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.

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



AMAZING OPPORTUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NAVIGO SCHOLARS!

Notre Dame Academy is proud to recognize our 2026–27 NaviGo Scholars!

Through the NaviGo Scholars program, these students have the opportunity to explore career interests, connect with professionals and gain valuable real-world experiences as they begin thinking about their futures beyond NDA.

Congratulations to Kaylie Maddox, Gianna Stacy, Lilian Olexia, Madelyn Doecker, Samantha Laws, Caroline Foltz, Stella McKinley, Catherine Coutsoftides and Chloe Keneipp.

We are excited to see where this experience takes these Pandas as they continue to learn, lead and explore their purpose!



OCTOBER 1

FOOD TRUCK DAY IS COMING!

Get ready for Food Truck Day at NDA on Thursday, October 1! Students can place their orders now for a delicious lunch from this year's food truck lineup.

Orders must be placed by Friday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. Students who would like to pay with cash may see Ms. Meese in Room 310 or Ms. Jones in Room 211.

[PLACE YOUR FOOD TRUCK ORDER HERE](#)



THANK YOU MR. KELLEY

A GRATEFUL GOODBYE TO MR. KELLEY

The juniors and seniors from Mrs. Tobey's US History Honors class made sure to show their appreciation to Mrs. Tobey's long-term sub, Mr. Matthew Kelley. He filled in for Mrs. Tobey from August 18 until September 4. We are grateful for his time and dedication to the girls of NDA.

MOTHER DAUGHTER MARKET & MINGLE

A SPECIAL AFTERNOON FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS

Join us at NDA on Sunday, October 18, from 12:00–3:00 p.m. for our Mother Daughter Market & Mingle! Enjoy an afternoon together featuring shopping, lunch, a specialty café drink and the chance to create your own flower-bar bouquet.

The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 7 using the QR code on the flyer.



A Mother Daughter afternoon filled with shopping, lunch, a specialty cafe drink, and your very own flower-bar bouquet.

Cost \$25 per person

OCTOBER 18, 2026
12-3 @ NDA



RSVP BY WENDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026
REGISTRATION WITH QR CODE





SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 20-22!

IT'S TIME TO CUT LOOSE!

The countdown to Footloose has officially begun! Cast and crew gathered in the theatre on Tuesday for their first official rehearsal, kicking off what promises to be an exciting fall on the NDA stage.

We cannot wait to watch this talented group bring Footloose to life! Keep an eye out for ticket information, behind-the-scenes photos and plenty of fun as we get closer to opening night.



JUNE 2027

EXPLORE SPAIN & PORTUGAL

There are still spots available for students to join an unforgettable 11-day journey through Spain and Portugal! Students will experience the history, art, architecture and culture of the Iberian Peninsula while exploring destinations including Lisbon, Seville, Madrid and Barcelona.

An interest meeting will be held September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall for families who would like to learn more. Parents are encouraged to attend, and students are welcome, too. We'll share information about the itinerary, trip details and what students can expect from this exciting educational travel experience.

Interested in learning more? Register for the meeting [HERE](#).

Can't make the meeting? No problem! Be sure to RSVP anyway, and we'll send you the information afterward.

This travel opportunity is open to all students, including current seniors! Please direct any questions to Ms. Dooling (doolingm@ndapandas.org).



SUMMER 2028

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

There will be an informational meeting on October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall for parents and students interested in learning about the "Ancient Mediterranean" international travel opportunity for June 2028. Beginning in Rome and ending in Athens, this trip will explore the ruins, history, culture and beauty of two of the ancient world's most influential civilizations.

To register for this meeting, please use the link (<https://rsvp.eftours.com/44kajcx>). Questions should be directed to Ms. Barnes (barnese@ndapandas.org).

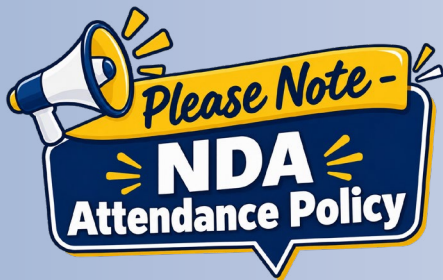
This travel opportunity is open to all students. Due to the nature of the itinerary, preferential registration will be given to students currently enrolled in Latin.

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Show your Panda pride with new arrivals at the Bambootique! From NDA favorites to fresh new gear, there are plenty of ways to show your NDA spirit this season.

Shop at the Bambootique in person or online [HERE](#).



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 at (859) 261-4300.



Join FBLA

Meets one Thursday every month at 7:20AM



Chick-fil-A breakfast at first meeting



Always food and drinks

LEARN. LEAD. SUCCEED.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS WANTED!

Interested in entrepreneurship, business, leadership, and experience in the business world? There is a club at NDA for that, join FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) this Friday after club orientation! Contact FBLA President Lizzy Fite at Fitel27@ndapandas.org for more info & questions!



DELICIOUS NEWS

CAFETERIA INFORMATION

Wondering what's for lunch? The NDA Cafeteria has plenty of delicious options to keep our Pandas fueled throughout the school day!

Families can visit the cafeteria page on the NDA website to find menus, payment information and other helpful cafeteria details. It's an easy way to plan ahead and see what's cooking at NDA!

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

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

Golf competed in the NKAC Championships this past Monday. The Pandas are looking forward to competing in the Regional Tournament on September 22 at The Golf Courses of Kenton County. Good luck, Pandas!

Cross Country

Cross Country had a great weekend at "The Rumble in the Jungle"! Both the Varsity and JV teams finished in third place, with the following highlights:

- Top-10 varsity finish
- 6 new personal records
- 12 runners ran their fastest time of the season

The team is looking forward to the Williamstown Invitational this week. Way to go, Pandas!

Soccer

After a week of practice, the Pandas hosted Highlands on Saturday, falling to the Bluebirds 0-1.

This week, the team takes on Simon Kenton on Wednesday for our annual Kicks for Cancer event. Then, on Saturday, September 19, we will celebrate our seniors during Senior Day as the Pandas take on West Jessamine.

JV: 5:30 p.m. | Varsity: 7:30 p.m.



SEPT
16

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!
5:30 - JV | 7:30 - Varsity

Come out and cheer on the Pandas!

Volleyball

The volleyball team competed in the LIVT Tournament this past weekend. During pool play, the Pandas defeated Male 2-0 and fell to St. Joseph 0-2.

In the Silver Championship Bracket, the Pandas defeated North Oldham 2-0 before falling to the eventual Silver Bracket champion, Floyd Central, 1-2. They finished the weekend with a 2-0 victory over Morgantown (VA).

The Pandas have a busy week at Notre Dame Academy, hosting:

- Tuesday: Simon Kenton — 5:30 / 6:30 / 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: Sacred Heart — 5:30 / 6:30 / 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday: Holy Cross — 5:00 / 6:00 / 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 19, the freshman squad will compete in the LIVT Tournament in Louisville.

Good luck to all our 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!** 

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 reads "LIGHT the NIGHT for NDA" in gold and white. A circular seal on the left says "CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1906-2026". Below the title, it says "Save the Date!" in cursive, followed by "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026" and "THE MADISON EVENT CENTER COVINGTON, KENTUCKY". On the right, it says "AN EVENING TO Celebrate 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". A banner at the very bottom reads "FAITH * SCHOLARSHIP * SERVICE * LEADERSHIP *".

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

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COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

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Celebrate
THE MISSION OF
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

SPONSOR ATTEND DONATE

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Alumnae Rosary



JOIN US

ALUMNAE ROSARY

Tomorrow, 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 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](#).

- St. Timothy Parish Religious Ed Opportunity
- Support Group for Separated and Divorced
- OCIA Workshop: Marriage, Baptism and the Christian Initiation Process
- Real Talk & Real Hope 2026