



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Panda Press Weekly

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THE *nda* LIFE

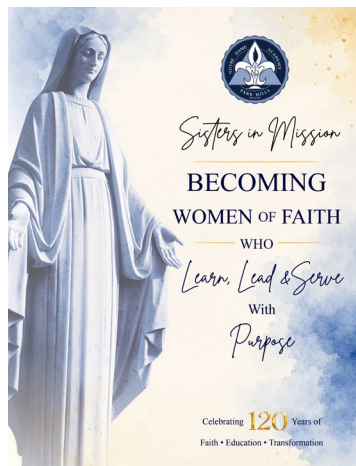
Dear Panda Families,

It is hard to believe we are already well into October! There is so much happening at Notre Dame Academy, and this week's Panda Press is a wonderful reflection of the many ways our students are learning, growing, creating, competing and living out our mission each day.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, I ask you to keep our Freshmen and Seniors in your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming retreats. These opportunities to step away from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in prayer, reflection and community are such an important part of the Notre Dame Academy experience.

You will also see plenty of Panda spirit throughout this week's issue, from our Latin Club getting creative with its fall pumpkin decorating to the beautiful work happening in our art classrooms and our Pandas competing in postseason athletics. I am continually grateful for the faculty, staff, coaches and moderators who give our students so many opportunities to discover their gifts and share them with others.

I also hope you will make plans to join us for Light the Night for NDA on Saturday, November 14! This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 120 years of Notre Dame Academy, and we would truly love to see a sold-out crowd of parents, alumnae, friends and supporters celebrating this milestone together. Your official invitation will be arriving in the mail soon, but you can use the QR code in this week's Panda Press to purchase your tickets now. Please do not wait! We want this to be a wonderful celebration of the generations of young women who have called NDA home and the bright future ahead of us.



Finally, as we prepare for Open House on November 8, I encourage you to think about the families in your own lives who might benefit from an NDA education. A personal invitation can mean so much. Please help us share the Notre Dame Life and invite the next generation of Pandas to experience our community for themselves.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy and for all you do to make our community so special.

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Timmerding

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97

Walk in Faith!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



JOIN US

UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will not have Mass in our chapel until Friday, October 16, due to the Priest Retreat and the Freshmen Retreat.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary in the chapel at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, October 12.

Our next all-school liturgy will be on Monday, November 2, as we gather for our annual Remembrance Mass.



LIVING OUR FAITH SERVICE

A reminder that service opportunities that are called into the Campus Ministry Office can be found on the Upcoming Service Opportunities page that is shared with our students weekly and can be found [here](#).

GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH PRAYER RETREATS

Please keep our Freshmen and Seniors in your prayers as they prepare for and enter into their retreats, that the Holy Spirit may guide them as they encounter Christ through prayer, reflection, and community.

The Freshmen Retreat will take place on Tuesday, October 13, from 8–12:30. Freshmen will be dismissed at 12:30 when the retreat has concluded. Information was sent to all Freshmen on Monday, October 5, about what to bring and what to wear. That information can be found [here](#).

Our first Senior Retreat will take place October 21–23 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford. Seniors who are on that retreat received information on Wednesday, September 30, about what to bring. Parents of those seniors should also have received an email from Mrs. Price on September 30 with specific information about that retreat. If you did not receive that email and your daughter is on the October 21–23 retreat, please reach out to Mrs. Price at priceb@ndapandas.org.



Student Life



*Mother Daughter
Market and
Mingle*

A Mother Daughter afternoon filled with shopping, lunch, a specialty café drink, and your very own flower-bar bouquet.
Cost \$25 per person

**OCTOBER 18, 2026
12-3 @ NDA**

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026
REGISTRATION WITH QR CODE



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 the end of TODAY using the QR code on the flyer or [THIS LINK](#).



OCTOBER 16

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is coming up! Students who were absent on Picture Day or would like to have their school photo retaken will have another opportunity to smile for the camera. Students having a retake should bring their original picture package with them on October 16.

DRESS DOWN DAY OCTOBER 20!

SUPPORT NDA'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER!

DRESS DOWN FOR LIGHT THE NIGHT!

Pandas can dress down next Tuesday, October 20 for \$3 or a new gift card. All proceeds benefit *Light the Night for NDA*, our school's largest fundraiser. This fundraiser supports academics, teachers, and student opportunities. Thank you for all of your help to make this event a success!



SANTO DOMINGO MISSION TRIP LAST CALL!!!

We are finalizing the registration for the Santo Domingo Mission trip.

Here is some information that you may want to know:

This will be the fourth trip that NDA girls have taken to the orphanage Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. <https://nphusa.org/dr/> Trips are offered regularly but not every year.

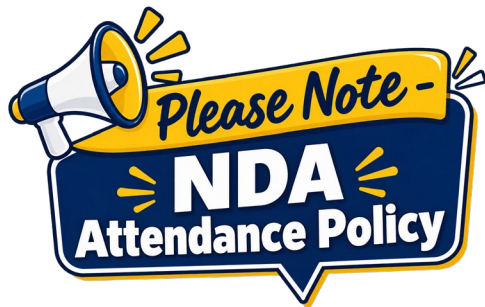
The trip is directed by Catholic Missions. <https://catholicmissiontrips.net/> They organize prayer and evening reflection and witness talks.

Dates: June 7 to 13, 2027

Approximate Cost: \$2,500-\$3,000, depending on airfare at the time of booking. The students will work on a building project in the morning with the Catholic Missioners and some of the NPH staff. In the afternoon, they will play with the children.

The children see our young ladies as models and our students see a new life situation and understand that happiness is not in material things but in our attitude of gratitude.

Contact Ms. Eva Jones jonese@ndapandas.org or Hermana (Sister Maria Francine) stacymf@ndapandas.org for an application. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE OCTOBER 15, 2026.**



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.

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](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

CELEBRATING THE SEASON



FALL FUN

LATIN CLUB GETS IN THE FALL SPIRIT!

Latin Club got in the fall spirit last week by decorating pumpkins with their best Latin, Roman, Greek, or mythologically-themed designs!



FINE ARTS NEWS

CREATIVITY IN ACTION

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN NDA ART!

The Notre Dame Academy High School art classroom has been filled with creativity, exploration, and spectacular artwork! Each class has been busy developing new skills while finding unique ways to express themselves through art.



Art 1 students have been working on detailed shoe studies, drawing from observation in pencil while focusing on line weight, contour line drawing, gridding their images, and carefully considering value. These foundational skills are helping students become more confident observers and more thoughtful artists as they learn how line and value can transform a simple object into a compelling drawing. The attention to detail and growth we are seeing in these studies has been fantastic!





Art 2 students have been creating mixed-media portraits with a message, and their creativity has been exceptional! Students are combining materials, techniques, and personal ideas to create portraits that communicate something meaningful to the viewer.



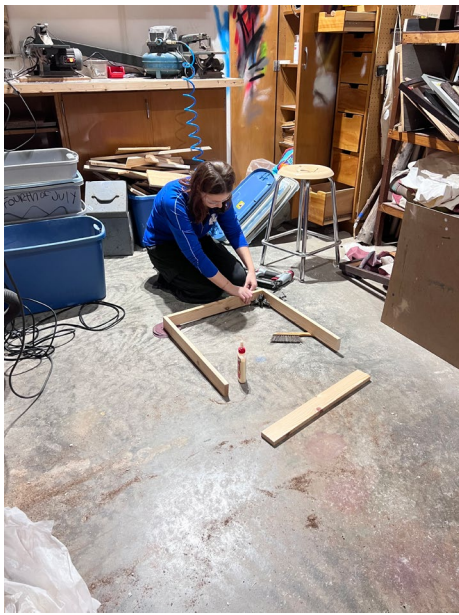


Art 3 has been diving into painting and the process of building layers to recreate James McNeill Whistler's *Caprice in Purple and Gold*. This project has been a unique experience, as students received a new image each day that brought the painting closer and closer into focus. They began with large brushes and broad areas of color, gradually moving to smaller brushes as they added detail and refinement. Watching the paintings develop layer by layer has allowed students to experience the patience and decision-making involved in creating a complex work of art.



Our AP Art students have completed their first Sustained Investigation artworks and have each proposed the theme they will explore throughout the school year. Their goal is to create a total of 12 works that revolve around and develop their chosen theme, allowing them to investigate an idea deeply while growing their artistic voice and individual style. We are excited to see where their investigations take them!





Meanwhile, our Ceramics students are preparing for an exciting hands-on experience as they get ready to participate in a pit fire next week with their primitive pottery. From drawing and painting to mixed media, advanced portfolio work, and ceramics, there is something exciting happening in every corner of the Notre Dame Academy art classroom. It has been wonderful to see our students take creative risks, develop their skills, and produce artwork they can truly be proud of!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE

Golf

We want to wish Maria the best of luck as she competes in the State Finals this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Go, Maria!

Cross Country

Cross Country will compete this weekend in the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Championship at Idlewild Park in Burlington. This race will serve as a preview of the Region Championship, which will also be hosted on the same course in a few weeks. Good luck to our Pandas!

Soccer

Last week, our soccer team battled hard against Bishop Brossart but fell 2-3. The team used the remainder of the week to recover and rest as they prepare for Districts.

The Pandas will play Monday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. against Holmes at Beechwood High School.

Come out and cheer on our Pandas as they begin their postseason journey!

Volleyball

Varsity traveled to Chicago for their annual trip to Marist, where they fell 1-2. They then competed in the 2026 ASICS Challenge, hosted by Mother McAuley, winning three of their five matches and finishing 5th in the Silver Division.

The team is now preparing for one of their biggest matches of the season this Saturday against Beechwood as part of our annual Playing for a Purpose event.

Come out, wear your pink, and cheer on our PANDAS!

Buy your tickets for Playing For A Purpose:

<https://events.hometownticketing.com/boxoffice/ndapandas/L2VtYmVkL2V2ZW50LzlwOA==>

NDA Athletic Discount Cards are now on sale!

Check in with your favorite Panda or come by the athletic office to purchase one!



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PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2026

I Have Wings
WOMEN'S CANCER RESEARCH

NDA VS BEECHWOOD

@ BOONE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

T-SHIRTS: FRESHMAN: 4:30PM
JV: 6:00PM
VARSITY: 7:30PM

TICKETS: XXXXX

STUDENT SERVICES



SOPHOMORE AND SENIOR PARENTS KIP SURVEY INFORMATION

Students in grades 10 & 12 will be given the KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) Survey on October 16 during homeroom time. The KIP Survey asks students about aspects of youth attitudes and behaviors on important topics like substance use and school safety. The purpose of the survey is simple: to help schools better understand student needs so we can strengthen support for students, families, and our community. Please read more complete information about the [survey here](#). In order to take this survey, parents need to give permission and can do so electronically by filling out this [very brief form](#). Questions can be directed to counselor Erin Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org.

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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.

DRUG FREE CLUB SIGN UP NOW!

Drug Free Club offers students an easy "out" if they're ever offered substances they don't want to take. They can say, "No I might get tested and my parents would find out." Being a part of Drug Free Club is also FUN! Students get rewarded for being a part of the club with goody bags, gift cards, and more!



Since students are drug tested as being a part of the club, there is parent permission and a fee associated with being a member. To sign up visit the [link here](#). NDA subsidizes the cost of the club as we want to be a part of the solution when it comes to helping students be drug free. Reach out to Mrs. Maggard at maggarde@ndapandas.org with any questions.



GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S PROGRAMS!

The application for the KY Governor's Scholars Program is open! Juniors interested in applying should reach out to the Counselors' office and join the GSP Google Classroom.

The KY Governor's School for the Arts and the KY Governor's School for Entrepreneurs applications will open on October 2!

The GSA application is open to Sophomore and Junior applicants

The GSE application is open to Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors

Please see each program's official website for details, tips and applications.

[Please visit this link for a quick reference chart describing each program and who is eligible to apply.](#)

KNOW A FAMILY WHO WOULD LOVE NDA?

SHARE THE NOTRE DAME LIFE!

Some of our best ambassadors are the families who already know and love Notre Dame Academy! If you know a student or family who could benefit from an NDA education, please help us spread the word about our Open House on Sunday, November 8, from 1-3 p.m. A personal invitation from a Panda family can make all the difference! Thank you for helping us welcome the next generation of Pandas to NDA!

Join us!

OPEN HOUSE



NOV. 8 | 1-3 PM

Advancing the Mission

SHOP TODAY'S DEALS AND HELP MAKE LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA A SUCCESS!

PRIME DAY = A GREAT DAY TO SUPPORT LIGHT THE NIGHT!

Today is Prime Day! As you are checking out the deals, do not forget that you can also help support Light the Night for NDA, our school's largest fundraiser.

Our Light the Night committee has created an Amazon Wish List filled with items that will help make this year's event a wonderful celebration of Notre Dame Academy and our 120th anniversary.

Take advantage of today's Prime Day deals and consider purchasing an item from the wish list to donate to the event. Every gift, big or small, helps support Light the Night and ultimately benefits our students and the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

[SHOP THE LIGHT THE NIGHT AMAZON WISH LIST HERE](#)

Thank you for helping us make Light the Night shine even brighter!

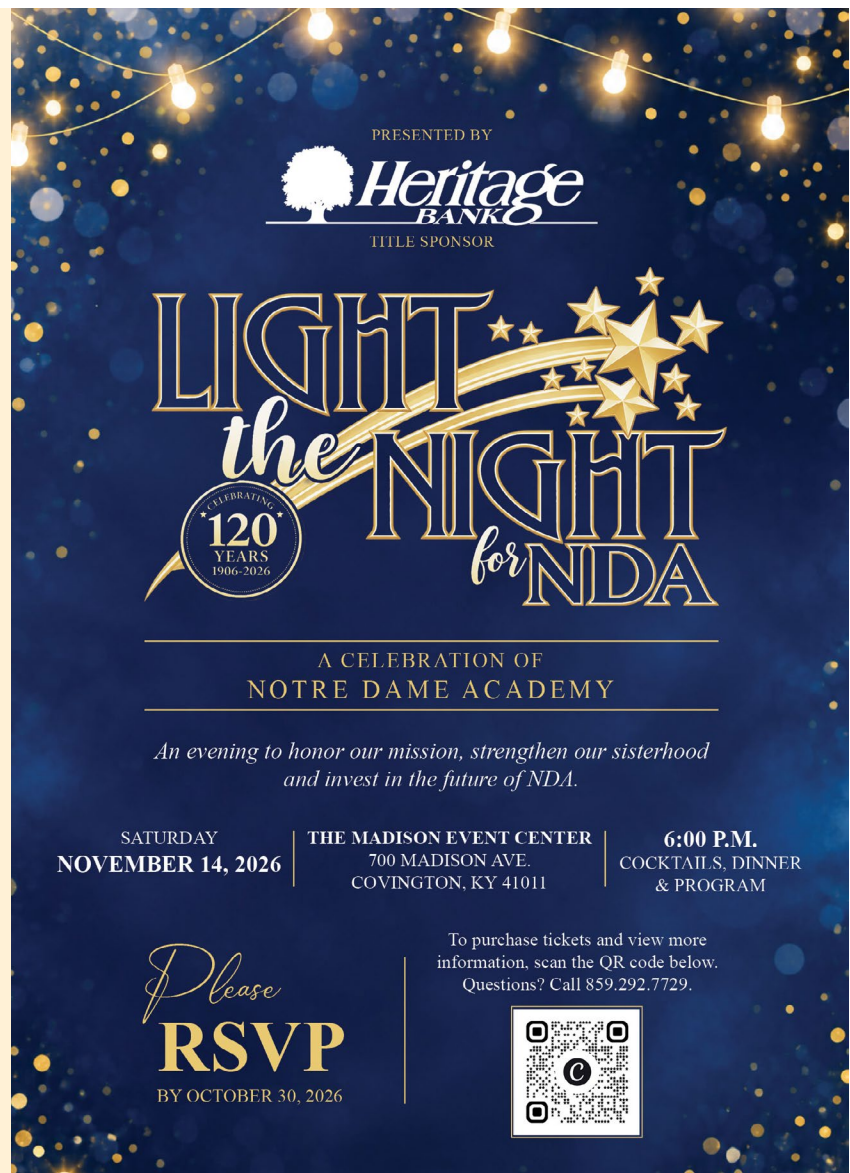
LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Your official Light the Night for NDA invitation will be arriving in your mailbox soon, but there is no need to wait!

Use the QR code on the digital invitation here to purchase your tickets now and make plans to join us on Saturday, November 14, for a wonderful evening celebrating Notre Dame Academy and our 120th anniversary.

We hope to see you there!

A vertical poster for the 'Light the Night for NDA' event. The background is dark blue with a bokeh effect of light spots and strings of warm white lights at the top. At the top, it says 'PRESENTED BY' above the 'Heritage BANK' logo, which includes a tree icon and the words 'TITLE SPONSOR'. The main title 'LIGHT the NIGHT for NDA' is in large, stylized gold letters, with 'the' in a script font. To the left of the title is a circular seal that says 'CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1906-2026'. Below the title, it says 'A CELEBRATION OF NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'. Further down, a quote reads: 'An evening to honor our mission, strengthen our sisterhood and invest in the future of NDA.' At the bottom, event details are listed: 'SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2026' | 'THE MADISON EVENT CENTER 700 MADISON AVE. COVINGTON, KY 41011' | '6:00 P.M. COCKTAILS, DINNER & PROGRAM'. In the bottom left, it says 'Please RSVP BY OCTOBER 30, 2026'. In the bottom right, there is a QR code and text: 'To purchase tickets and view more information, scan the QR code below. Questions? Call 859.292.7729.'

Important dates

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
October 18	Mother Daughter Market & Mingle
October 21-23	Senior Retreat #1
October 22	Freshman/Alum Halloween Party
October 23	End of First Quarter
October 24	NDA/CCH Freshman Halloween Bash - Gardens of Park Hills
October 25	Red Ribbon Week
November 2	Remembrance Mass and Reception
November 8	Open House
November 9-20	Canned Food Drive
November 14	Light the Night for NDA
November 18-20	Senior Retreat #2
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](#).

- Sister Soldier
- The Point Car Raffle
- St. Timothy Parish Religious Ed Opportunity
- Support Group for Separated and Divorced
- OCIA Workshop: Marriage, Baptism and the Christian Initiation Process