



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,

As we approach the end of the first quarter this Friday, I find myself reflecting on what a wonderful start we have had to the school year at Notre Dame Academy. These first several weeks have been filled with opportunities for our students to learn, grow, lead and live their faith, reminding me once again of what makes our NDA community so special.

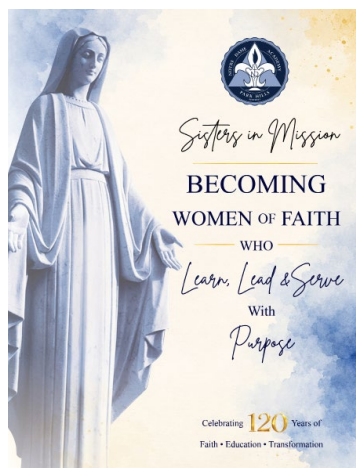
One of the greatest blessings of Notre Dame Academy is the sisterhood that connects our students, families and alumnae across generations. We saw that spirit on display at Sunday's Mother-Daughter Market & Mingle, where mothers and daughters enjoyed time together while supporting talented vendors, including many of our own alumnae. What a wonderful reminder that the NDA sisterhood extends far beyond graduation!

That same spirit is evident in the ways our students are growing as leaders and women of faith. This week, our first group of seniors is participating in their retreat, taking time to reflect on their faith and relationships with God and one another. Our juniors are also preparing for their second-semester service placements, putting their faith into action through service to others. These experiences reflect the heart of our mission.

Speaking of our mission, I hope you had an opportunity to read the exciting news we shared last week about the new American GOAL Scholarship Program. This initiative has the potential to make Catholic education more accessible to families throughout Northern Kentucky and open doors for more young women to experience the Notre Dame Life. You can read more about this exciting opportunity in this week's newsletter.

As we look ahead, our **Open House on Sunday, November 8**, is an opportunity to welcome prospective families and share what makes NDA so special. I encourage you to invite families you know who might benefit from an NDA education. Your personal invitation can make a tremendous difference!

We are also looking forward to **Light the Night for NDA on Saturday, November 14**, as we celebrate 120 years of faith, tradition and sisterhood. I hope you will join us for this special evening honoring our school's legacy and supporting its future.



Finally, as our students complete their first quarter, I want to thank our faculty and staff for their dedication and our families for the trust and support you give us each day. It is a privilege to partner with you in helping your daughters become confident, compassionate women of faith who are prepared to make a difference in the world.

Together, may we continue helping our students become women of faith who learn, lead and serve with purpose!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding

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Walk in Faith!

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

THE CELEBRATION IS GETTING CLOSER. HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR SEAT?

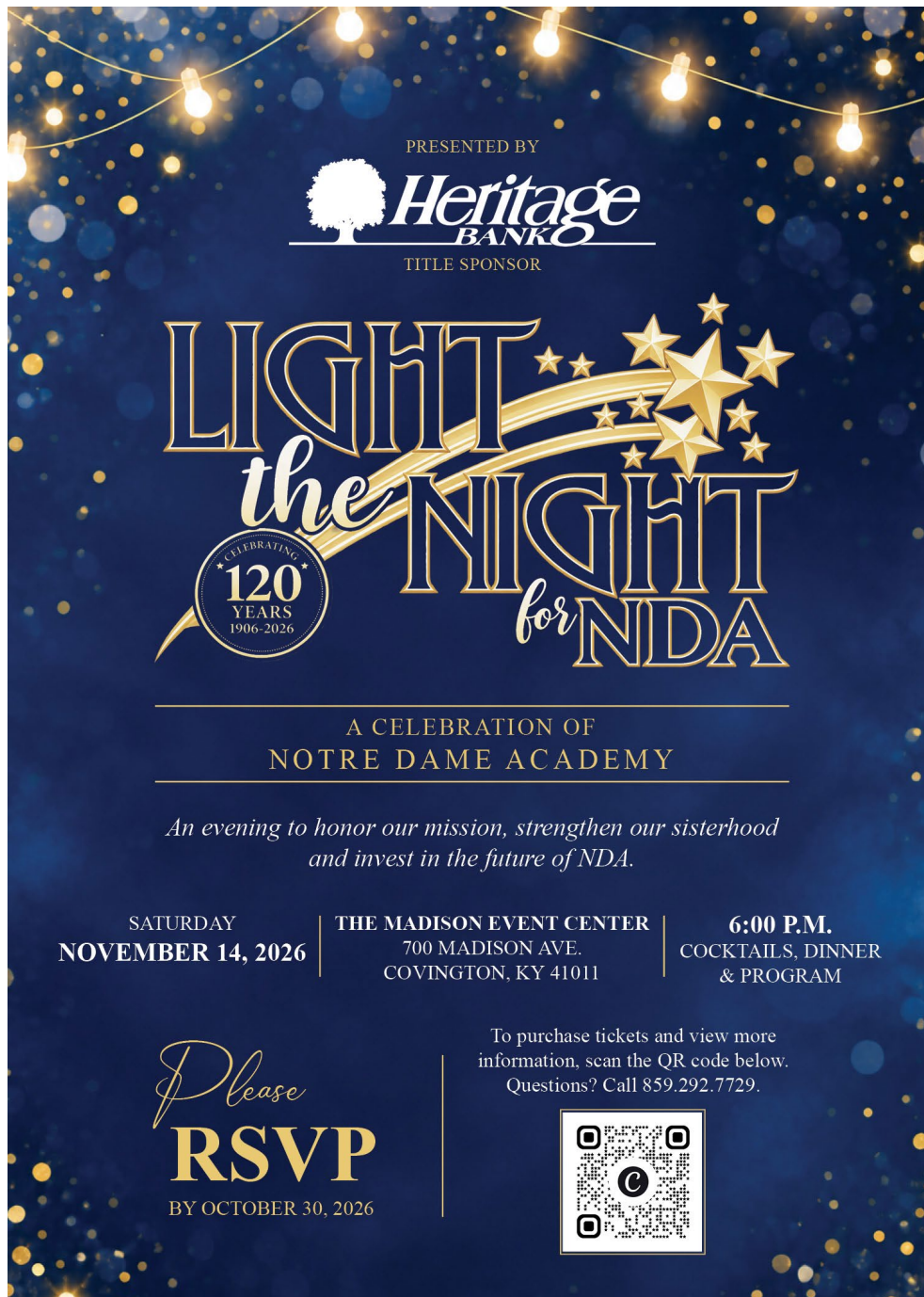
November 14 is just around the corner, and excitement is building for Light the Night for NDA, presented by Heritage Bank! We hope you will join us at The Madison Event Center as we celebrate Notre Dame Academy's 120th anniversary and the generations of Pandas who have made our school so special.

This unforgettable evening will bring our NDA community together for a wonderful night of friendship, celebration and support for the young women who carry our mission forward every day.

There is still time to be part of this special celebration! Gather your fellow Pandas, family and friends, reserve your seats and help us make this milestone anniversary one to remember.

Simply scan the QR code on the invitation below or [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your tickets.

120 years of tradition. Generations of Pandas. One incredible night!

The poster features a dark blue background with a bokeh effect of light spots and strings of warm white lights at the top. The Heritage Bank logo, featuring a tree icon and the text 'Heritage BANK', is centered at the top with 'PRESENTED BY' above and 'TITLE SPONSOR' below. The main title 'LIGHT the NIGHT for NDA' is in large, stylized gold lettering, with a gold comet streak and stars behind it. A circular seal on the left says 'CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1906-2026'. Below the title, it says 'A CELEBRATION OF NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'. A quote reads: 'An evening to honor our mission, strengthen our sisterhood and invest in the future of NDA.' The event details are listed in a table at the bottom: Saturday, November 14, 2026; The Madison Event Center, 700 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011; 6:00 P.M. Cocktails, Dinner & Program. The bottom left says 'Please RSVP BY OCTOBER 30, 2026'. The bottom right has a QR code and text: 'To purchase tickets and view more information, scan the QR code below. Questions? Call 859.292.7729.'

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LIGHT *the* NIGHT for NDA



A CELEBRATION OF
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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and invest in the future of NDA.*

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2026

THE MADISON EVENT CENTER
700 MADISON AVE.
COVINGTON, KY 41011

6:00 P.M.
COCKTAILS, DINNER
& PROGRAM

Please
RSVP
BY OCTOBER 30, 2026

To purchase tickets and view more
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CAMPUS MINISTRY



FAITH & PRAYER

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will celebrate mass at 7:25 a.m. on Friday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 27 in the chapel. We will pray a decade of the rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, October 26. All are welcome to join us.

Our next all-school mass will be on Monday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. This is our annual Remembrance Mass where we honor and remember all alumnae and family members who have passed away since November 2, 2025.

All are welcome to join us.

SENIOR *Retreat*

SENIOR RETREATS

REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

Please pray for our first group of seniors who are making their retreat this week at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, OH.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FAITH IN ACTION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There are quite a few [service opportunities](#) posted on the padlet for our students to take part in. The fall and holiday season bring many opportunities to give back to the community. Not all agencies call in to ask for volunteers so be sure to check agency websites for additional opportunities.



SERVING OTHERS

SERVING WITH PURPOSE

JUNIOR SERVICE PROGRAM

The Juniors have begun the process for the Junior Service Program. All information was explained and sent home with the juniors and is due back on October 23 (Thursday Group) and October 28 (Tuesday Group). Please pray for our juniors as they discern their service placement for the second semester and pray for the agencies who will be hosting them.

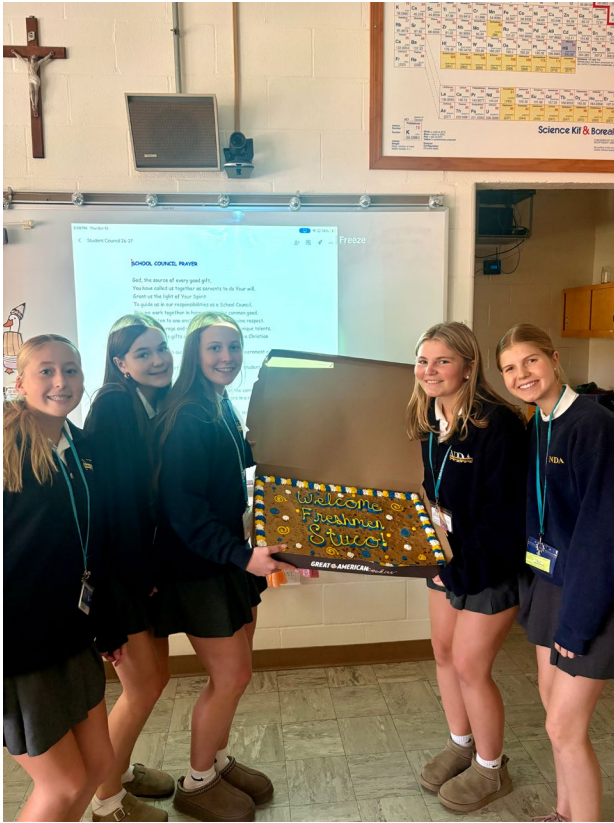
FAITH BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC)

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. This will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 18–21, 2027, but planning has already begun! More information about NCYC, cost and accommodations can be found [here](#). An interest survey was sent to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors last week and more information will be shared out in the coming days. We had over 40 Pandas attend NCYC 2025 and came back energized and renewed in their Catholic faith!



Student Life



PANDA LEADERSHIP IN ACTION A SWEET WELCOME

Student Council celebrated newly appointed freshman members at their very first All-Council meeting this week! What a 'sweet' way to kick off their time representing the student body! Congratulations again to our new StuCo Pandas!



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 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2026
REGISTRATION WITH QR CODE



CELEBRATING PANDA SISTERHOOD MAKING MEMORIES AT MOTHER-DAUGHTER!

What a wonderful afternoon of shopping, friendship and Panda sisterhood at our Mother-Daughter Market & Mingle this past Sunday!

Mothers and daughters enjoyed spending time together while shopping with vendors from our NDA community, including many of our talented alumnae! From unique gifts and special finds to delicious food, specialty drinks and beautiful bouquets from the flower bar, the afternoon was a wonderful celebration of the connections that make NDA so special.

A heartfelt thank you to our vendors, volunteers and everyone who joined us for this special event. We especially loved welcoming our alumnae back to NDA and celebrating the incredible talents of our Panda community!

You can find some fun photos from Sunday's event on the next page...

Mother Daughter 2026!



OPENING DOORS TO OPPORTUNITY: NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NDA FAMILIES

As you read in a special email from NDA last week, we are excited about a new scholarship opportunity that could make a Notre Dame Academy education more accessible to families throughout Northern Kentucky!

On October 15, Bishop John Iffert announced that the Diocese of Covington has selected the American GOAL Scholarship Program as its Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) partner for a new federal scholarship tax credit initiative beginning January 1, 2027.

This is an exciting development for Catholic education and one that has the potential to open doors for more young women to experience the Notre Dame Life!

What Does This Mean for NDA Families?

While the program is still being developed, we are optimistic about the opportunities it could create for both current and prospective NDA families. Scholarship funding will depend on donations received, student eligibility and final program guidelines.

At NDA, we remain committed to helping families make a Catholic education possible. We are also working to move our financial aid application process earlier this year, with the goal of providing families with award information sooner than in previous years. Additional details about the application timeline will be shared as they are finalized.

What Happens Next?

The federal scholarship tax credit program officially begins January 1, 2027. NDA will continue working with the Diocese of Covington as implementation details become available, and we will keep families informed about scholarship opportunities, eligibility requirements and next steps.

This is an exciting opportunity to strengthen Catholic education in Northern Kentucky and advance our mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world!

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE DIOCESE OF COVINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT](#)





SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

GET READY FOR WINTER AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES!

Winter is just around the corner, and now is the perfect time to plan your snowy adventures at Perfect North Slopes!

Through NDA's PNS Club Store, you can enjoy an exclusive 30% discount on season passes when purchased through our link. This offer is available to everyone, not just students! Parents, siblings, extended family, and friends can all take advantage of the savings. There's also a tubing pass option for even more winter fun!

Don't miss the deadline!

- Now through November 7: Save 30%
- November 8–December 1: Save 20%

Whether you're skiing, snowboarding, or tubing, it's a great way for the whole family and friends to enjoy the winter season while saving money.

Purchase passes here: [NDA's PNS Club Store](#)

- Username: notredame
- Password: panda

Be sure to purchase through our link to take advantage of these exclusive savings!

If you have any issues completing your purchase, Perfect North's team will be happy to help. For NDA-related questions, email Ms. Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.org.

**PLEASE
NOTE!**

SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT

RIDE WITH US TO PERFECT NORTH SLOPES!

Skip the hassle of transportation and let us do the driving! We're offering a round-trip bus pass for all Perfect North Slopes outings, making it easy for students to travel safely and enjoy the trip with their friends.

No need to worry about drop-off or pick-up. Just hop on the bus and get ready for a fun evening on the slopes!

Register for the bus pass here: [Ski Club Bus Pass 2027](#)



JUNE 2027

EXPLORE SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Give your student the opportunity to experience the adventure of a lifetime! In June 2027, students will embark on an unforgettable 11-day journey through Spain and Portugal, exploring the rich history, art, architecture, and culture of the Iberian Peninsula.

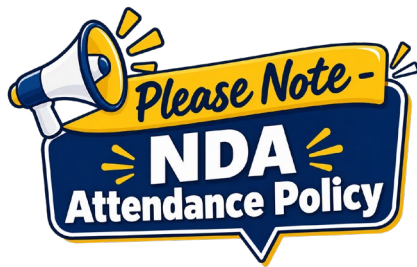
From Lisbon's picturesque red-tile rooftops and Seville's vibrant flamenco traditions to Madrid's grand boulevards and Barcelona's iconic architecture, students will discover some of Europe's most remarkable cities and landmarks while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Special Enrollment Offer: Save \$150!

Great news! EF has reopened its **\$150 enrollment discount through Friday, October 23!** There are still a couple of spots available, so now is a great time to join us for this incredible experience.

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

Have questions? Email Ms. Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.org for more 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 at (859) 261-4300.



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!

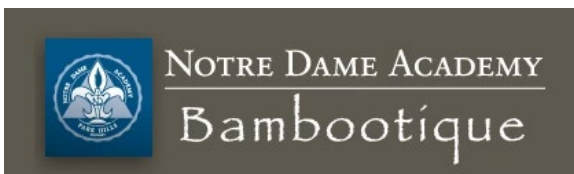
[CLICK HERE FOR ALL NDA CAFETERIA INFORMATION](#)

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](#).



Join us!

OPEN HOUSE



NOV. 8 | 1-3 PM

KNOW A FAMILY WHO WOULD LOVE NDA?

HELP US WELCOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF PANDAS!

Our Open House is just a few weeks away, and we need your help spreading the word about all that makes Notre Dame Academy such a special place!

On Sunday, November 8, from 1–3 p.m., we will open our doors to prospective students and families, giving them an opportunity to experience firsthand the faith, friendship, academic excellence and sisterhood that define the Notre Dame Life.

You can help make a difference! Our NDA families are among our greatest ambassadors, and a personal invitation from someone who knows and loves our school can have a tremendous impact. Think about the families in your neighborhood, parish, workplace or circle of friends who might be considering high school options for their daughters. A simple invitation could introduce them to a community where they will be encouraged to grow, lead and discover their God-given potential.

Please help us share our Open House invitation and encourage prospective families to join us!

To register, go to <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/OpenHousePreRegistration> or scan the link below.

Thank you for helping us share the Notre Dame Life and welcome the next generation of Pandas!



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

Reservations are required.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PANDA ATHLETICS UPDATE



Cross Country

The Cross Country team is getting ready for the Region Race on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Idlewild Park in Burlington, KY. We wish them luck!



Soccer

Soccer hosted the first round of the Region on Monday, Oct. 19 at NDA. Wednesday, Oct. 21 is the second round at Highlands and then the finals will be played on Oct. 24 at Highlands at 4:30 pm.



Volleyball

It is District time! We played our first round in the Districts against Holy Cross on Tuesday. The District Finals will be played on Thursday Oct. 22 at 7:00 at Holmes High School



Bowling -

Bowling has finished tryouts and is ready to get the season started!



Swim and Dive -

Our swim and dive teams have been training for several weeks and are looking forward to the start of their seasons!



Basketball -

Practice started this week!



Archery

Archery will begin in early November.



Discount Card Time:

Please stop by the athletic office and purchase a discount card - \$25. They are good until 12/27. They will make great stocking stuffers too!

STUDENT SERVICES



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.

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.

Advancing the Mission

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA

WE NEED YOUR HELP! GIFT CARDS, WINE & BOURBON DONATIONS NEEDED!

The countdown is on for Light the Night for NDA, presented by Heritage Bank, and our committee is busy putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a wonderful celebration of Notre Dame Academy's 120th anniversary!

We especially need your help with donations of gift cards, wine and bourbon for our auction packages! These items are always popular with our guests and play an important role in making our fundraising efforts a success.

Gift cards to restaurants, retail stores, local businesses and favorite shopping destinations are all greatly appreciated. Donations of wine and bourbon are also especially welcome as our committee creates exciting auction packages for this year's event.

Donations can be dropped off at the front office of Notre Dame Academy during regular school hours. We appreciate your generosity and support!

Looking for another way to help? Our committee has also created an Amazon Wish List filled with items needed for the celebration.

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

Every donation helps make this milestone celebration a success while supporting NDA's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

Please consider donating a gift card, bottle of wine or bourbon today! Your generosity will help us make this year's Light the Night a night to remember!

To arrange a donation or ask questions, please contact Garri Hunt, NDA's Manager of Annual Giving and Events: huntg@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1850.

Thank you for helping us make NDA's 120th anniversary celebration shine!



Donate an Item

Help us create amazing auction packages! We are accepting gift cards, bottles of wine or bourbon and items from our Amazon Wish List.



Gather a Group and Buy Tickets

Talk to friends, neighbors and fellow Panda parents and put a table together for a fun night out in support of NDA!



Spread the Word

Share the event with family and friends and encourage them to join us for this special celebration of Notre Dame Academy and 120 years!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS for LIGHT THE NIGHT:

[**CLICK HERE**](#)

Important dates

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 Begins
November 2	Remembrance Mass and Reception
November 8	Open House
November 9-20	Canned Food Drive
November 14	Light the Night for NDA
November 17	Fall Sports Signing - Auditorium
November 18-20	Senior Retreat #2
November 19	Alumnae Rosary Alumnae Dinner Theatre
November 20	Mid-Quarter
November 23	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Choral Concert at Triple Crown CC
December 4	In-school Christmas Concert

COMMUNITY NEWS



SHARING OUR Community News

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

- CCH Tech Recycling
- 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