



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue our Lenten journey, I invite you to embrace this sacred season as a time for prayer, reflection, and renewal. At Notre Dame Academy, we are blessed to walk this path together—united in faith and supported by a vibrant community that fosters spiritual growth in meaningful and lasting ways.

Please be sure to review the programming updates and schedule changes outlined below. These include early dismissals this Thursday and Friday, as well as on Thursday, April 11, which is Prom Day.

You will also find important information below regarding financial aid and scholarship opportunities. At NDA, we are fortunate to offer a variety of scholarships that help make our education accessible to students and families. These opportunities reflect the generosity of our community and our shared dedication to the mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

Looking ahead, we're excited about our upcoming production of Matilda the Musical, presented in collaboration with Covington Catholic High School. Our students have been working hard to bring this story to life, and we look forward to sharing their incredible talent and effort with you. Details about show times and tickets are included below.

Finally, thank you for the warm birthday wishes this past week. I was especially grateful to the students who decorated my office—it was a thoughtful and lighthearted gesture that truly made my day.

Thank you for your continued partnership in the important work we do each day at Notre Dame Academy.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY



RISING SENIORS

2025-2026 RETREAT DATES

All Seniors are required to attend one of 3 Senior retreats offered next year. Students will register for their retreat at the beginning of the school year, but we wanted to get the dates out to you as soon as possible so that you can make sure you are available for at least one of the retreat weeks. All 3 retreats are held at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford.

October 22-24, 2025

January 14-16, 2026

February 4-6, 2026



REMINDER

SERVICE DEADLINE

Just a reminder that all Freshmen and Sophomore Service hours are due on March 31. Hours must be logged into Mobile Serve and verified by the agency. All service must be completed at a non-profit organization. A full list of requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#).



ALL ARE WELCOME

UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

All are welcome to join us for a decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 27. We will celebrate mass at 7:20 a.m. in our chapel on Friday, March 28.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Lenten Reconciliation Services will take place during Religion classes through April 2. All students will have the opportunity to take part in this Sacrament. Fr. Kunath will also be available for confession during PPT on Tuesdays.



Student Life



A CAUSE CLOSE TO THE HEART SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Last week the students were able to shop for jewelry as they prepare for prom season. Maddie Janszen was awarded the “I Have Wings” scholarship at the Playing for a Purpose game this year. As a result she was encouraged to give back and decided to do something to benefit their organization. Through help from her mother, family friends, and the organization she was able to bring a wealth of jewelry to the auditorium of NDA. Each item ranged from \$1 to \$5. She sold raffle tickets too to win various prizes that she and her mom put together. A note of thanks from Maddie:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the I Have Wings Jewelry Sale last week. Together we raised over \$1,200 for women with breast cancer and their families! Way to go Pandas!



ART AND CULTURE EXPLORING LATIN AMERICAN AND SPANISH ART

The AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature and Dual Credit Spanish classes took their annual trip to the Cincinnati Art Museum to see famous works by Latin American and Spanish painters, such as Pablo Picasso. The students had studied art earlier in the school year and at the museum the students could see some of the amazing works in person. They learned about the different styles and periods of art as they listened to the docents share their expertise. Then they went to Findlay Market and had lunch at The Arepa Place. It was a wonderful experience for everyone!



¡muy delicioso!

PAELLA EXPERIENCE SPANISH CLUB HOSTS GUEST CHEF

The Spanish Club hosted chef and owner of Paella at Your Place, Hector Esteve. He made us delicious paella as he explained how to prepare it. Hector shared his story as he spoke to our students in Spanish. Sophomore Ellie Williams said it was “¡muy delicioso!”



PROM HALF DAY

APRIL 11 PROGRAMMING

We are preparing for our Prom Half Day on April 11. We will dismiss by 12 p.m. (possibly earlier) on April 11 so that juniors and seniors can prepare for their Prom.

We will not have a regular schedule that day, but will offer some fun events and a valuable speaker. The day will conclude with our Prom Fashion Show. Any student is welcome to participate in the fashion show. Complete [this form](#) if you are interested in being a part of it!

This year we are also adding a new feature to this day... Students can invite alumnae family members to join us for part of the day. Alumnae can arrive at 9:30 a.m. for the second presentation or at 10:40 a.m. just for the fashion show. Seniors who invite alumnae family members can also invite them to be in the fashion show with them. Please use [this form](#) if you would like to invite an alumnae family member.

Please have both documents completed by April 2 so we can plan accordingly.



DISMISSAL CHANGES

MARCH 27 AND MARCH 28

On March 27 and March 28, our teachers will be engaged in some important professional development. They will continue working on the curriculum work that has been an ongoing collaborative and powerful process so far. They are dedicated to enriching and enhancing the curriculum at NDA through this process. The students will follow a shortened schedule to allow for this time.

On March 27, the students will go to half of their classes, have a normal lunch, and then participate in two separate sessions. In one session they will listen to a presentation regarding grit and evaluate their own level of grit. In another session, they will hear from the Department of Homeland Security through a program called Know 2 Protect - an online safety program for teens. This presentation will address protecting personal information, setting up privacy settings, characteristics of online predators, sexting and permanency of online data, among other topics. A letter for parents is attached [here](#). More information can be found [here](#). All students will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

On March 28, students will go to the remaining half of their classes and then do the following:

Juniors and Seniors: Watch the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's performance of MacBeth. Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. (no lunch served).

Freshmen and Sophomores: Go to lunch as usual, then have some time to work with YouScience (a program that offers career guidance for students using their aptitudes) and some self care activities. Their day will conclude with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's performance of Romeo and Juliet. Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.





CLAIM THEM QUICKLY!

LUNCH BAGS

We have quite a collection of unclaimed lunch bags. Please be sure to check out the cart of lunch bags in the lobby. Any bags that are left unclaimed as of Friday will be donated.



TRÈS MAGNIFIQUE

TRAVEL TO FRANCE WITH US IN THE SUMMER OF 2026!

Register for the information meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity here: <https://bit.ly/3DJ5Q19>

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in Alumnae Hall.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

THE ANNUAL ORANGE AND WHITE GAME

As has been the tradition for six years, the students of St. Ursula and Notre Dame Academy are honored to participate in the Orange and White Flag Football Game on Sunday, April 27 at 4:00. This event will be held at St. Ursula this year. This has been a philanthropic partnership between the two schools to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research through Children's Hospital. The Bradley family is deeply connected to St. Ursula and they lost their daughter Natalie in 2009 to cancer. During the week prior to spring break, we will have Mrs. Bradley speak to the girls about the importance of this worthy cause. We will celebrate our students who are participating in the game and encourage the students to attend and show their school spirit for such an important cause. It is a fun event at NDA and all are encouraged to attend and show their support for childhood cancer research. The link for tickets, t-shirts, and the bundle, can be found [here](#). Orders are due TODAY.

VOTE!
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TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote [here!](#) Please be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

Ava Boertlein, Archery – She finished sixth in the Region 6 tournament with a 283.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!



Screen Their Heart for Your Peace of Mind



REGISTER TODAY

CARDIAC SCREENING

Knowledge is power! A preventative cardiac screening detects underlying heart abnormalities, so you and your child can take precautions. MCORE Foundation will be at NDAA on April 30 to do non-invasive electrocardiograms and limited echocardiograms, with results read by pediatric cardiologists. Don't miss this opportunity to protect your child's health. Sign up today at the link [HERE](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2025-26 CALENDAR NEWS

The academic calendar for next year is being finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The academic calendar for next year is being finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The "No School" calendar is located in the blue table below. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the office staff.



Important Dates for 2025-26!

2025 - 2026 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Week of July 28 -	iPad Orientation for Incoming Freshmen
August 4 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 5 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 6 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 7 (morning) -	Freshmen Bridge
August 7 (evening) -	Parent Information Night (all grade levels)
August 8 (9-12:00) -	Freshmen Orientation
August 12	First Day of School
January 5	School Resumes (after Christmas)
April 13	School Resumes (after Spring Break)
May 22	Last Day of School
May 22	Graduation

No School Dates 2025-2026

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August 15	Feast of Assumption
September 1	Labor Day
October 9	PD Day - PD for Faculty
October 10	PD Day
November 26	PD Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Break
November 28	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 22	Christmas Break
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 16	Presidents' Day
March 13	PD Day
April 2 - April 12	Easter Break

NDA BAMBOOTIQUE

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Panda pride with the latest spirit wear from the NDA Bambootique! From cozy sweatshirts to stylish tees, we have everything you need to represent Notre Dame Academy in style. Shop online [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents: Fourth quarter is just around the corner which means graduation is nearing! Mark your calendars for the following dates -

- May 5 - 16 - AP Exams (specific schedule to come soon)
- May 8 - Academic Signing @ 4:15 p.m. - Theatre
- May 7 OR 9 - Senior Pancakes - Theatre Lot (students only)
- May 14 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 14 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 15 and May 16 - Senior Exams
- May 21 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 22 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 23 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 23 - Graduation at Northern Kentucky Convention Center @ 4:00 p.m. (ticket amount TBD)

A more detailed letter will be sent in the coming weeks, but we wanted to get these dates to you as soon as possible. You won't want to miss a thing! Seniors will gather during homeroom also in the coming weeks to learn a bit more about graduation.

SENIOR GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Senior year is full of unforgettable moments, and there's a fantastic lineup of events coming up for the Class of 2024-25! From special dances to graduation ceremonies, there's something for every senior to look forward to. Check out the full list of events and details on our website at the Senior Grade Level Information Page [HERE](#).

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](#).

Attention
Class of 2025!



ATTENTION PARENTS

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION



FACTS Application for Financial Assistance Deadline: April 15, 2025

Work Study Job Application Deadline: April 15, 2025

Scholarships for Continuing Students Application Deadline: April 15, 2025

If you are in need of financial assistance, the FACTS application must be completed first. You can access the FACTS Application [HERE](#).

NOTE: Financial assistance requests increase each year. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting your application in early. Late applications run the risk of financial aid funding being exhausted

If a family receives financial assistance, a family member is expected to also have a work study job. The application for work study jobs is available [HERE](#) and is due by April 15, 2025. Completed applications should be emailed to workstudy@ndapandas.org.

Families who do not apply for need-based financial assistance can still apply for work-study jobs but they will receive jobs based on availability after jobs are assigned to those receiving financial assistance.
Scholarships for Continuing Students

We are currently accepting applications for several scholarships available to our current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.. Applications can be found on the website [HERE](#) and are due April 15, 2025. Any questions about these scholarships should be directed to Mrs. Katie Caccavari, Director of Enrollment, caccavarik@ndapandas.org/859-292-1829.

REPORTING ABSENCES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

We have an attendance email for parents to call in a sick child or if a student is leaving early from school. 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

Rolling Into Action:



NDA BIKE DRIVE

Change a life by donating a bike!

Do you have a gently used bike gathering dust in your garage? Put it to good use by donating it to NDA's bike drive! NDA is once again partnering with Catholic Charities' Pickett's Corner Ministry to provide transportation to those in need! Here is how you can help...

Drop off your used bikes at NDA Monday - Friday between March 31 and April 12 OR
on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FINE ARTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NDA/CCH PRESENTS *MATILDA THE MUSICAL*

Get ready to be amazed as the talented students of Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School bring *Matilda the Musical* to life this spring! Inspired by Roald Dahl's beloved book, this magical production tells the inspiring story of a young girl with an extraordinary imagination and the courage to stand up for what is right.

Matilda Wormwood is a gifted child who dreams of a better life, despite being constantly belittled by her cruel parents. She finds comfort in books and her remarkable intelligence, impressing her kind-hearted teacher, Miss Honey. But school isn't all smooth sailing—Matilda must also face the terrifying Miss Trunchbull, a headmistress known for her outrageous punishments and iron-

clad rules. With bravery, wit, and a touch of magic, Matilda and her classmates prove that even the smallest voices can spark a revolution.

Packed with humor, heart, and show-stopping musical numbers, *Matilda the Musical* is a must-see event for the entire family. Don't miss this unforgettable performance showcasing the incredible talent of NDA and CCH students!

Performance Dates:

April 4 at 7 p.m.

April 5 at 7 p.m.

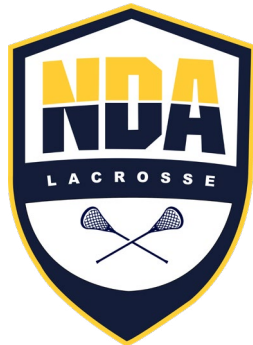
April 6 at 2 p.m.

Get your tickets now! Click here to purchase: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NotreDameAcademy1/MatildaTickets>

Join us as we cheer on the “revolting children” and witness the power of imagination, resilience, and courage in *Matilda the Musical*!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Archery -

Archery finished up their season this past Saturday with a 6th place team finish in the KHSAA Region 6 Tournament. A special congratulations to Ava Boertlein who qualified as an individual for the KHSAA State Tournament!! We would like to congratulate and thank their seniors - Morgan Russell, Marisa Bloemer, Emma Lange and Lauren Agriesti.

Lacrosse -

Lacrosse is off to a great start with a 5 - 0 record. They will play again at Notre Dame on April 1st.

Track and Field -

Track and Field will be starting their outdoor season this weekend at Holmes High School.

Softball -

Softball kicked off its season yesterday with a win against Holmes. The team has 3 other games this week. We are excited to watch them this year.

Hall of Fame -

Wonderful evening celebrating some great teams and great individuals. It was great to catch up with so many NDA graduates and learn more about the history of Notre Dame Athletics.



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 27 from 6:30-8:00 pm, NDA is hosting a College Information Night for the next Panda Parent Club Meeting, available to all NDA and CCH parents. The event will include three different presentations with various topics such as career exploration, financing post secondary education, and college preparation. Jennie LaMothe and Lorraine O'Moore from Learning Grove will be presenting on how to support your student in exploring post secondary options and career planning. They will share the value of utilizing YouScience as a tool to support students and parents in the process. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on "College Affordability", the do's and don'ts of navigating the financial aid world, how to complete the FAFSA, and what it takes for students to earn merit-based scholarships. In collaboration with CCH, Jess Brown and Erin Stanley will be sharing school-specific information about the college application process, what to expect with timelines, deadlines, and how to create a balanced College List. Registration is not required and we hope to see you all there! Please reach out to Erin Stanley at stanleye@ndapandas.org with questions.



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

APPLY TODAY

SND HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

NDA USA and our sister schools in Ohio and California come together to do an RHSE-Rural Health Student Exchange program at UK-St.Claire Hospital in Morehead KY. It will be from Sunday, June 8 and end at noon on Thursday, June 12. This offers hands-on experience in rural health-care settings, including shadowing in various hospital departments and community clinics, to help students understand health disparities and community needs.

This is totally FREE! All transportation to and from Morehead is included. All lodging at the Hampton Inn plus meals, activities, movie theatre tickets, popcorn snacks, all food is provided. UK-St.Clair Hospital swag is given out. There are limited spots for this opportunity. Current sophomores and juniors can sign up to participate here: [SND Health Care Experience Application](#)



ADVANCING THE MISSION

you're invited

Sips & Stems

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
NDA ALUMNAE HALL

Join us for a fun alumnae evening filled with flowers, drinks and friendship!

RSVP
Space is limited!



www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events

JOIN US!

SIPS & STEMS

Join us for a wonderful evening of creativity and connection! We're excited to host a special Sips & Stem event featuring flower arrangements, taught by our talented alumna Emily Ryan, 2013.

When: Thursday, May 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: NDA Alumnae Hall

RSVP: www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events

Enjoy a relaxed evening of sips, stems, and socializing with fellow alumnae. No experience necessary — Emily will guide us step-by-step to create beautiful floral designs! Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot!

NDA & CCH Theatre Dept.
Presents



MATILDA The Musical

April 4th at 7pm April 5th
at 7pm & April 6th at 2pm
Student/Staff Tickets \$5
General Admission \$12 Online
& \$15 at the door

ATTENTION NDA GRADS

ALUMNAE DINNER THEATER

Join us for a special Alumnae Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 3, 2025, featuring an exciting performance of Matilda the Musical, presented by NDA and CCH in the NDA Theatre. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7:00 p.m.

Be sure to make your reservation by March 24 at: www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events

Invest in NDA by Giving Stock

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN

INVEST IN NDA BY GIVING STOCK

Did you know you can invest in NDA and its students with a simple stock transfer? Donating appreciated stock is an easy way to give and may offer tax benefits.

We invite you to champion transformative Catholic experiences for our students, from faith formation and service opportunities to academic excellence and leadership development.

Make a lasting impact with a stock donation! To learn more contact the Myanna Webster in the advancement department at websterm@ndapandas.org.



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

- Boone County Sheriff's Office Electronics and Internet Safety Talk
- Screen Addiction
- Just a Click Away Monitoring the Risks and Rewards of Gaming and Apps for Our Youth

Important dates

March 27	Rosary 7:45 a.m. Junior College Information Night
March 28	Mass in NDA's Chapel at 7:20 a.m. All are welcome!
March 31	Student Council Grade Level Elections
April 3	Alumnae Dinner Theatre Diocesan Senior Mass
April 4-6	Matilda the Musical
April 7	Spring Sport Athletic Signing
April 11	Half Day - Prom
April 17 - 25	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
April 27	Orange and White - SUA
April 28	Student Council Grade Representative Elections
May 1	Spring Concert
May 6	Academic Signing at 4:15 p.m.
May 15	Arts Fest 5:30 p.m.
May 22	Last Day of School
May 23	Graduation