



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There's something about spring that brings a fresh sense of energy and optimism—and you can feel it all around our campus these days. As we continue our Lenten journey, it's been inspiring to see our students and faculty leaning into this season of reflection while also giving their all in the classroom, on stage, and in every part of school life. With spring break just around the corner, their hard work and determination deserve to be celebrated.

Please note the 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 commitment to empowering young women through Catholic education.

Looking ahead to this weekend, 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 lively and heartfelt story to the stage, and we can't wait for you to see the results of their incredible talent and effort. Details about show times and ticket information are included below.

We're also once again "rolling into action" with our spring bike drive! Thanks to senior Josie Bozeman, who is leading the charge, NDA will collect bicycles to benefit individuals in our community who are without transportation. This initiative is a wonderful example of how our students live out the mission of making a difference.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our students and our mission at Notre Dame Academy. The dedication and perseverance our students show each day are a testament to the strong work ethic they develop here—one that will serve them well long after graduation.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Notre Dame Academy will begin Holy Week with a prayerful and meaningful tradition: a school-wide Holy Week Prayer Service on Monday, April 14, at 9 a.m.. This special service will guide our community through the Stations of the Cross, offering students and faculty the opportunity to reflect deeply on the Passion and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Led by NDA's peer ministers, the Stations of the Cross will invite all in attendance to walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary. Through scripture, prayer, and reflection, each station will encourage us to contemplate the suffering Jesus endured and to connect it to our own lives and the world around us.

This prayer service serves as a powerful way to enter into Holy Week with reverence and intention, helping our school community grow closer to Christ as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.



ALL ARE WELCOME

UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

All are welcome to join us for a decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Friday, April 4 and Monday, April 7. We will celebrate the Eucharist on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:20 a.m. in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel.



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

Student Life

GOOD
LUCK
PANDAS!

GRADE LEVEL CO-PRESIDENTS LEADERS IN THE MAKING

On Monday, March 31, the freshmen, sophomore and junior students were able to listen to speeches from candidates running to be Co-Presidents of their respective classes. The students spoke about their strengths, positive attributes, past experiences and qualities that would make them the best choice. We are very proud of the following students for running for Co-Presidents of their classes and will be counting on them to contribute positively to the NDA community.

Juniors running to be Senior Co-Presidents: Phoebe Desch, Ella Nienaber, Piper Ramsey, Olive Weckman

Sophomores running to be Junior Co-Presidents: Caroline Bramlage, Nevaeh Carpenter, Brooklyn Kelly, Paisha Parks

Freshmen running to be Sophomore Co-Presidents: Finley Clifton, Frances Maier, Erin Scheuerle



TRÈS MAGNIFIQUE TRAVEL TO FRANCE WITH US IN THE SUMMER OF 2026!

Dream about traveling the world? Come to our informational meeting on Wed, April 9 at 5:30 PM in Alumnae Hall to learn more about our Summer 2026 student trip to France. Your family can RSVP to the meeting here: <https://bit.ly/3DJJsQI9>

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.



HALF DAY

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.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TAKE ACTION

HELP SECURE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Since early February, Officer Ted Edgington, CCH's SRO and Mrs. Krendra McGuire, Superintendent for the Diocese of Covington, have been working tirelessly with the state government to ensure nonpublic schools are included in legislation providing up to \$20,000 in funding for School Resource Officers' salaries.

Thanks to their efforts and collaboration with other schools across the Commonwealth, House Bill 622 has successfully passed through both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly. The final step in this process is the Governor's signature.

Now, we need your help.!

Please join us in urging Governor Andy Beshear to sign HB622 into law. This bill would offer essential support to fund the presence of School Resource Officers in nonpublic schools like NDA, helping ensure a safe environment for all students.

This is especially relevant to our NDA parents as NDA will welcome a School Resource Officer to our campus beginning in May. The cost of this will be covered in fees for next school year. If signed into law, HB622 would help offset that cost, easing the financial burden on our families while ensuring our campus remains safe and protected.

Take action today by sending a quick email to Matt Osborne in the Governor's Office at Matt.Osborne@ky.gov. Feel free to use or adapt the sample message below:

Sample Email:

Good morning,

Please sign HB622 into law. It would provide our school with much-needed funding to offset the cost of having a School Resource Officer. All students attending school in Kentucky have the right to be safe.

Sincerely,

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!

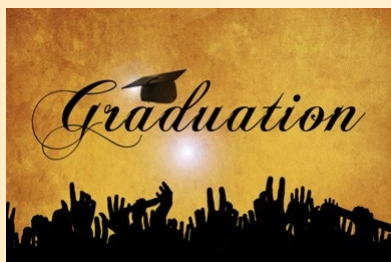
Senior year is full of unforgettable moments, and there's a fantastic lineup of events coming up for the Class of 2024-25! From special dances to graduation ceremonies, there's something for every senior to look forward to. Check out the full list of events and details on our website at the Senior Grade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

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. Students can pay for admission at the gate; the cost is \$10.

Attention Class of 2025!



NDA ART FEST

DISPLAYED STUDENT ARTWORK, QUILTS, DRESS FORMS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

5:30P JAZZ BAND
6:30P SPRING CHORAL CONCERT WITH DANCE PANDAS

MAY 15 2025

FREE EVENT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE REGISTER.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS AT NDA JOIN US FOR NDA'S ARTS FEST!

Celebrate the creativity and talent of our students at Arts Fest on May 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at NDA! Enjoy an evening filled with music, movement, and visual artistry. Don't miss this showcase of artistic excellence at NDA. For event planning purposes, please register for the event [here](#).



Screen Their Heart for Your Peace of Mind

MCORE FOUNDATION

REGISTER TODAY

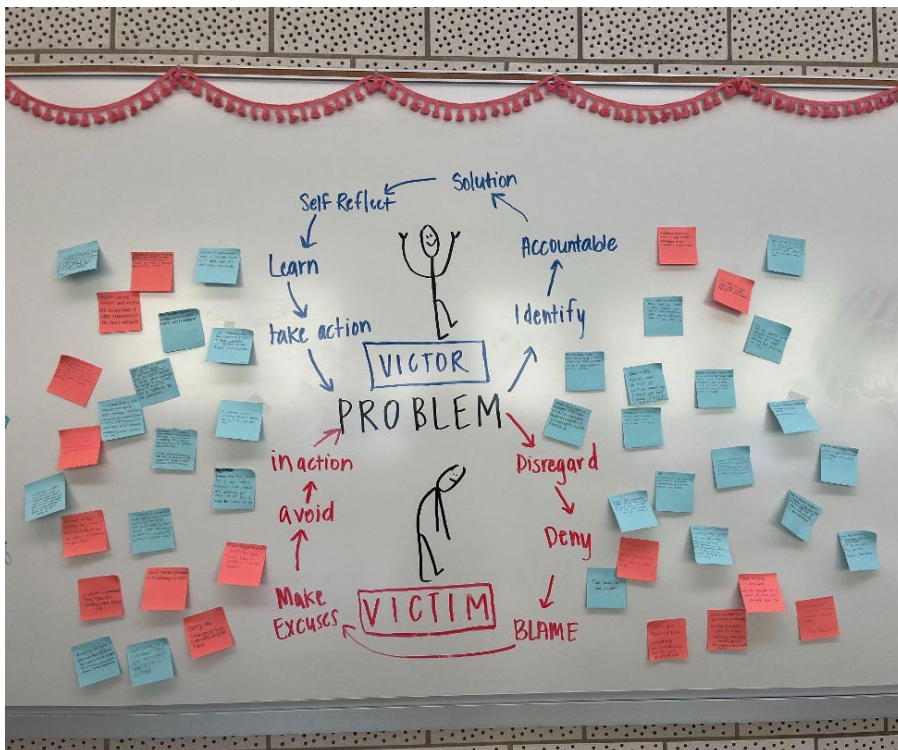
CARDIAC SCREENING

Knowledge is power! A preventative cardiac screening detects underlying heart abnormalities, so you and your child can take precautions. MCORE Foundation will be at NDAI 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](#).

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOCUSES ON GROWTH MINDSET

Ms. Graziani recently guided her Academic Enhancement Program students in a powerful reflection activity centered on cultivating a "victim to victor" mentality. After reading an article on the topic, students explored the differences between these two mindsets, identifying times they had experienced each, and strategizing how to shift from a victim to a victor approach when facing obstacles. This exercise empowered our young women to take ownership of their challenges, develop proactive problem-solving skills, and embrace a resilient approach to overcoming adversity, skills that align with our school's mission of fostering strength and leadership.



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

NEW EVENT! SAVE THE DATE!

Class of 2029 PaNDAs! Mark your calendar for the afternoon of Friday, August 8 for the Class of 2029 PaNDA FunFest! This event (that is just for our incoming freshmen) will begin immediately after Freshman Orientation and will start with lunch (provided by NDA), followed by an afternoon of fun, games, and entertainment! This will be a GREAT chance to get to know your classmates better and celebrate the Class of 2029! More details will follow as we finalize the schedule this summer. Stay tuned!

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

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.

NDA softball – The Pandas are off to a 3-1 start after wins over Holmes, Cooper and Lloyd Memorial in their season's opening week.

NDA lacrosse – The Pandas are 5-0 after beating Anderson 10-7 on March 25.

Andrea Carothers – She had three goals in a 10-7 win over Anderson.

Abby Turnpaugh – The senior went 3-1 in the circle last week, striking out 48 batters in 25 innings. She has a 1.12 ERA to start the season.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
Bambootique

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](#).



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](#).

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!

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*!

BRINGING BOLD DESIGNS TO LIFE

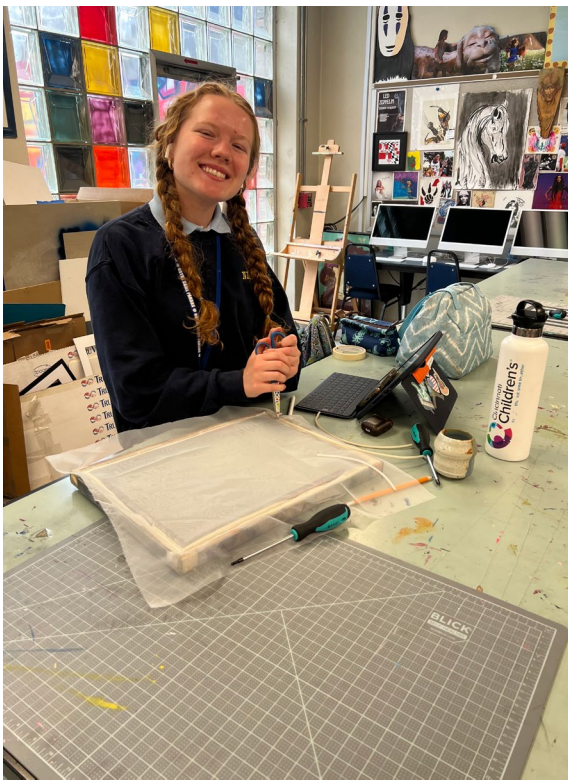
NDA ARTISTS EXPLORE POP ART THROUGH SCREEN PRINTING

After exploring the colorful world of Andy Warhol and the Pop art movement, students at Notre Dame Academy have been diving into the creative process of screen printing—a hands-on art technique used by professional artists around the globe.

Under the guidance of art teacher Hunter Fleury an inspired by Warhol's bold use of color and repetition, students began by designing their own artwork using Procreate. From there, they transferred their digital designs onto mesh screens to prepare for printing. In screen printing, ink is pushed through a stencil-like screen using a tool called a squeegee. Each color in a design requires its own screen, so students learned the importance of careful planning and precision.

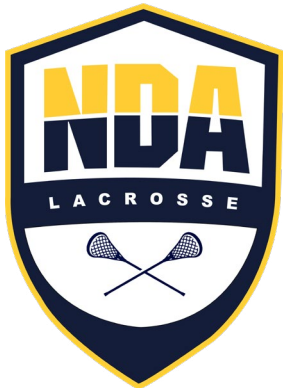
For this project, students are creating eight prints of their artwork, including one printed on a t-shirt. This multi-step process involves drying each ink layer before applying the next, helping to keep the colors crisp and clean. Students must think critically about how colors interact and take care to apply ink evenly for professional-looking results.

In the end, each student will have a vibrant collection of prints that showcase their creativity and technical skills—perfect for portfolio pieces or meaningful gifts. This project offers a valuable opportunity to explore texture, layering, and design while learning an art form used in studios and galleries around the world.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Lacrosse -

Off to a great start with a 5-0 record. Tuesday April 1 they take on Sayre, Friday April 4 they play at Ryle and on Saturday they play at Bryan Station.

Tennis -

Varsity Tennis is set to play Ryle on April 2 at Notre Dame while Junior Varsity Tennis is set to play Campbell County at Campbell county on April 2nd.



Softball -

Softball start of the season has them with a 3-1 record. They will play at Campbell county on Wednesday April 2, at St. Henry on Thursday April 3, at Holy Cross on Friday April 4 and at Boone County on Saturday April 5.

Track and Field -

Track and field had their first outdoor track meet this past Saturday. Here are the medalists who finished top 3 in events:

Kate Resing, 2nd place - 100h

Sadie Yapp, Ella Long, Georgi Kirtley, Addi Frondorf 4x200, 2nd place

Norah Barker, 2nd place - 1600m; Cam Kirtley, 3rd place - 1600m

Kate Blettner, 1st place - 400m

Frances Maier, 2nd place - 300h

Addi Frondorf, 3rd place - 200m

Maggie Durrett, 1st place - 3200m

Kate Resing, 2nd place - Triple Jump

Katlyn Wert, 3rd place - Triple Jump



The Junior Varsity will compete on Wednesday April 2nd at Covington Catholic and the varsity team will travel to West Virginia to compete in Morgantown.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

**ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT
GOLF OUTING**



KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE

6 JUNE, 2025

18 HOLES - 8AM - \$150

9 HOLES - 10AM - \$90



Scan the QR
to register!

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS NDA PARENT TOOLBOX

NDA's counselors have put together some very useful tools for our parents [HERE](#).

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](#)



COLLEGE
REP VISITS

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.

ADVANCING THE MISSION

DONATE AND... DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Invest in NDA's students today with a donation and make an even greater impact by having your employer match it! Matching gifts can be transformative, doubling or even tripling the support for our students' educational excellence, faith formation, and growth. Check [here](#) to see if your employer offers a matching gift program and maximize your generosity today.

Doubling your impact is easy!

Many employers will match your donation to NDA, making your gift double its impact.

Use the the link to check your employer.

The Matching Gift Process

1



An individual donates to a nonprofit.

2



They fill out their employer's gift-matching form.

3



The employer reviews the form and verifies the donation.

4



The employer matches the individual's donation.

NDA PANDAS SOFTBALL Alumni Night

Join us on May 2, 2025 to celebrate all generations of Softball Pandas!



Friday, May 2nd
2025



Bamboo Gardens

1699 Hilton Dr, Park Hills, KY 41011

Come cheer on our team as they take on Simon Kenton at 5:30 PM on May 2nd at Bamboo Gardens. After the game, stick around for a special Alumni Celebration with cookies and a walk down memory lane as we share old softball photos. It's the perfect chance to reconnect, see how the field has changed over the years, and show your support for our Panda Softball team. Please feel free to share this with former teammates—we want to reach as many alumni as possible! If you have any old softball photos you'd like to share, please send them to terrym@ndapandas.org. Scan the QR code to RSVP. We can't wait to see you there!



MAY 2, 2025

NDA PANDAS ALUMNAE SOFTBALL NIGHT



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

April 3	Alumnae Dinner Theatre
	Diocesan Senior Mass
April 4-6	Rosary in Chapel 7:45 a.m.
	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 Band Concert
May 6	Academic Signing at 4:15 p.m.
May 8	Sips and Stems- Alumnae Hall
May 10	Senior Dinner Dance- Auditorium/Cafeteria
May 13	Academic Awards - Auditorium
May 14	Senior Send off - Auditorium
May 15	Senior Exams
May 15	Arts Fest 5:30 p.m.
May 22	Last Day of School
May 23	Graduation