

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week marks the beginning of Holy Week—a sacred time that invites us into deeper reflection, prayer, and gratitude as we prepare for Easter. At NDA, we will come together as a school community on Monday for a special Holy Week Prayer Service centered around the Stations of the Cross. These powerful reflections serve as a reminder of our call to live lives of compassion, service, and faith.

This weekend, we are once again "rolling into action" with our annual bike drive, led by senior Josie Bozeman. Her leadership and compassion are a shining example of our mission in action. Thanks to Josie and our partnership with Catholic Charities' Pickett's Corner Ministry, donated bikes will be given to members of our community without access to transportation. What a meaningful way for our Pandas to make a difference.

We are also proud to celebrate several upcoming events that recognize our students' academic dedication. Our Academic Signing is scheduled for May 6, and we will honor our freshmen, sophomores and juniors at our Academic Awards Night on May 13. Last week, we celebrated our student-athletes who will continue their careers at the collegiate level—congratulations again to those remarkable young women.

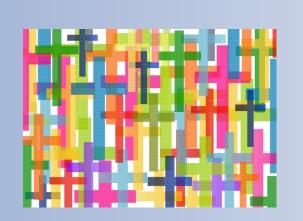
As a reminder, important deadlines for financial aid, scholarships for continuing students, and work study job applications are due Monday, April 15. These opportunities reflect the generosity of our community and our shared commitment to making an NDA education accessible to all families. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame Academy. Our students continue to inspire with their hearts and their efforts.

In Notre Dame,

Jack Von Handorf

CAMPUS MINISTRY



UPCOMING LITURGIES

LIVING OUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Students, faculty and staff are invited to begin their day in prayer with the Decade of the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, in the Chapel.

Morning Mass will be offered at 7:20 a.m. on Friday, April 11, and again on Monday, April 15. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these liturgies to start the day with intention and reflection.

We will gather as a school community for our annual Holy Week Prayer Service on Monday, April 14. This service will center around the Stations of the Cross, inviting us to reflect on how we can carry out these sacred moments in our daily lives.



ALL ARE WELCOME

PEER MINISTRY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Students interested in being part of the 2025-26 Peer Ministry Team are encouraged to apply now. The application is available on the Student Padlet under Campus Ministry.

Peer Ministers play a vital role in our faith life at NDA by leading Masses and prayer services, hosting Bible studies and reflection nights, and offering daily prayers over the announcements.

Completed applications are due to Mrs. Price by the end of the day on Tuesday, April 16.



"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Rolling Into Action: ACTION:

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 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

this Saturday, April 12, from 9 a .m. - 12 p.m.

Please note: Bikes can be dropped off at the garage doors by the tennis courts.

Student Life



CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Co-Presidents - Lila Harris and Teagan Kruer

Treasurer - Jane Schuh

Secretary - Erin Piatt

Public Relations Officer - Ryan Scheiner

GRADE LEVEL CO-PRESIDENTS

Last week, our students selected their grade level class co-presidents for the 2025-2026 school year. We wish to congratulate the following students:

Senior Class Co-Presidents - Ella Nienaber and Phoebe Desch Junior Class Co-Presidents - Caroline Bramlage and Brooklyn Kelly Sophomore Class Co-Presidents - Erin Scheuerle and Frances Maier

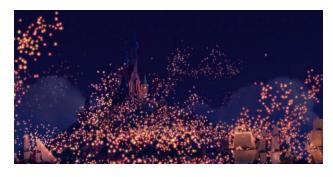
We are so grateful for all of the students willing and interested in holding leadership positions and hope that they find their niche in some capacity as leaders at NDA.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE: This Friday our students will be released at 12:00 p.m. after our Prom Half Day.



PROM 2025

THE GLOW OF THE LANTERNS

The Junior and Senior Prom will take place this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Music Hall. **This handout** was sent to the students on Tuesday, please refer to it for additional information regarding Prom, the shuttle, parking at Prom, etc. We look forward to celebrating another amazing event with our students.

Taking the Driving Test Over Spring Break?

SPRING BREAK DRIVING TEST

PICK UP SCHOOL COMPLIANCE FORM

If your daughter is taking the written driving test over spring break, please note that the office will be closed during this time. Please have her stop by the office before the Easter break to pick up the School Compliance Verification Form.

Save the Date!

TUESDAY, MAY 13

ACADEMIC AWARDS

We will celebrate the achievements of our many freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on Tuesday, May 13 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. in the Theatre. Save the date! Students will be notified prior to the event if they will receive an award. Awards are given out for Academic Excellence, Governor's Scholars Program, departmental awards, etc.



MAY 2

FOOD TRUCK DAY

On Friday, May 2 our Student Council will offer the final Food Truck Day of the school year. The cafeteria will also be open and will serve a hot lunch, salad, and al-a-carte items as always.

Marty's Waffles, Chicken Mac, Wild Side Experience, & Better Blends are coming to offer food to our students and staff. Orders are due Monday 4/28. Students can order using this **Cognito Form**.

VOTE! VOTE!

TIME TO VOTE!

LET'S HONOR OUR ATHLETES

Please be sure to vote for our Athletes of the Week. You can vote here!
Be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

NDA softball – The Pandas are now 4-1 after beating Campbell County last week.

NDA lacrosse – The Pandas are 7-0 after beating Sayre 14-11 and Ryle 13-1.

Andrea Carothers, lacrosse – She had seven goals in a 14-11 win over Sayre.

Harper French, softball – She went 2-for-2 and scored a run as the Pandas beat Campbell County, 4-1.

Ella Goetz, track and field – She was the shot-put runner-up with a throw of 36 feet, 5.75 inches and took fifth in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 1.75 inches at the Morgantown (WV) Invitational.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!



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.



FOUND TION

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

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 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.



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**.



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.



NDA BAMBOOTIQUE

PANDA SPIRIT WEAR

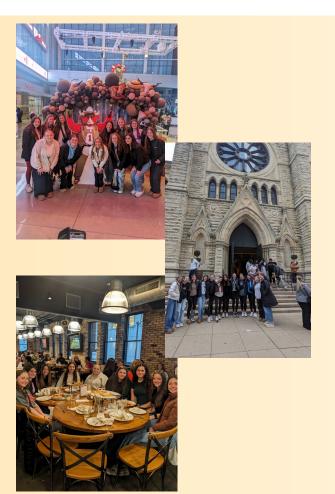
The Bambootique is having a 20% off your entire order Easter sale. Fill up your daughter's Easter basket with Panda gear. Shop online **HERE**.



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**.



GAINING FINANCIAL INSIGHT

INVESTMENT CLUB HITS THE WINDY CITY

Members of NDA's Investment Club recently traveled to Chicago for an unforgettable weekend filled with learning, culture and connection. The group visited the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, attended a Chicago Bulls game and enjoyed an architectural boat tour of the city. The trip also included a meaningful visit to Holy Name Cathedral for Sunday Mass.

While in Chicago, the students had the opportunity to meet with a few NDA alumnae at the historic Drake Hotel, where they learned about careers in finance and the importance of networking. It was a busy, enriching weekend that combined education, faith and sisterhood.





Attention Class of 2025!



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.

MPORTANT INFORMATION

UPDATE:

HB622 VETOED BY GOVERNOR BESHEAR

Since early February, Officer Ted Edgington, CCH's School Resource Officer, and Mrs. Krendra McGuire, Superintendent for the Diocese of Covington, have worked tirelessly with state leaders to ensure non-public schools were included in House Bill 622. This legislation would have provided up to \$20,000 in funding—allocated to local police departments—to help offset the cost of placing School Resource Officers (SROs) in nonpublic schools like NDA.

Thanks to their determined efforts, the bill passed both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly. Unfortunately, Governor Andy Beshear line-item vetoed the SRO funding portion of the bill last week. According to the Governor's letter, the veto was based on concerns about equitable funding allocation and budget priorities.

This is especially disappointing for our NDA community. Beginning in May, NDA will welcome a School Resource Officer to campus. While this is a critical step in enhancing the safety of our students, the associated cost will be covered by school fees next year. The passage of HB622 would have helped ease that financial burden on families.

As Superintendent McGuire stated in her letter to diocesan principals, "This is a matter of public safety. Every parent in this state pays taxes to support the safety of all citizens, including children in nonpublic schools."

We urge our NDA families to take action. Please consider sending a respectful letter to the Governor, expressing your disappointment in his decision and encouraging future support for protecting all students in Kentucky—regardless of the type of school they attend.

If you would like to reach out, you may email Matt Osborne in the Governor's Office at Matt.Osborne@ky.gov. Feel free to adapt the message below:

Sample Email:

Good morning,

I am disappointed in the Governor's decision to veto the SRO funding in HB622. This funding would not have gone to private schools, but rather to local police departments to help protect all Kentucky students. Public safety should be a shared priority, and children in non-public schools deserve the same protections as their peers.

Sincerely, [Your Name]

NDA remains committed to student safety and will continue advocating for equitable support in future legislative sessions. Thank you for joining us in this important effort.



Important Dates for 2025-26!

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.

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

No School Dates 2025-2026

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

FINE ARTS



INSPIRATION IN EVERY BRUSHSTROKE

NKU PROFESSOR VISITS ART CLASSES

Kevin Muente, the lead painting professor at NKU, recently visited our Art 3 and AP Art classes to share insights into his own artistic journey, discuss the opportunities available at NKU, and offer a rapid-fire critique of our students' portfolios. It was an inspiring opportunity to learn from a practicing artist. Kevin not only explained the motivations behind his work but also infused the class with his contagious enthusiasm. His critiques were both encouraging and constructive, highlighting strengths while offering valuable guidance for further growth. We are deeply grateful for his visit and the energy he brought to our classroom!







BRAVO!

MATILDA

Congratulations to the talented theatre students from Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School who brought Matilda to life on stage this weekend! Your hard work, creativity, and passion shone in every performance. Bravo on a job well done!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Track

Congratulations to our Track and Field team finishing Runner-Up at the Morgantown Invitational at West Virginia University this weekend. This was a very impressive achievement for our Pandas who competed against some of the best teams from 5 surrounding states! The team had numerous top 8 places highlighted by 4 1st place finishes in the 4x800 relay, 4x100 relay, Cam Kirtley in the 800 meter and the 4x400 relay.

Up next is the Princeton Classic on Saturday at Princeton High School.



Lacrosse -

What a start for our 3rd ranked Lacrosse team! They are now 8 - 0! The JV team defeated Turpin (6-5) yesterday at Notre Dame. Next up the varsity team is at Cincinnati Country Day on Thursday (4/10) at 6:00PM. Then on Monday April 14th they are at Paul Lawrence Dunbar (V/JV) at 6:30/8:00pm

Tennis -

After almost a week of rainouts, they hosted Highlands on Tuesday 4/8 and defeated them 5 - 0, They will host Newport Central Catholic on Wednesday 4/9. We are excited to watch them in action.

Softball -

The softball team has also seen a week of rainouts. The softball team defeated McNicholas, 4 - 1 on 4/8. They will host Grant County on 4/9. This coming weekend they are hosting the North Kentucky Showcase at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Our 4 - 1 team will host a JV game on Monday 4/14 against Scott High School. They then travel to Seton on 4/15 then the will finish up before Easter break with a 5:30 game against Beechwood at Notre Dame. Let's go team, keep up the great work.











COMPETING AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL

NDA CELEBRATES SENIORS CONTINUING ATHLETIC CAREERS IN COLLEGE

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce that 13 members of the Class of 2025 will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. These talented young women have demonstrated dedication, discipline, and passion for their sports during their time at NDA.

As they prepare to take the next step in their academic and athletic journeys, we celebrate their hard work and wish them success in their future endeavors.

Please join us in congratulating the following seniors:

Fall

Abby Turnpaugh – Manhattan University – Softball

Georgi Kirtley - Southern Connecticut State University - Lacrosse

Cameron Kirtley - Morehead State University - Soccer

Riley McCloskey – University of Memphis – Volleyball

Ava Tilden – Xavier University – Volleyball

Julia Grace – Xavier University – Volleyball

Spring

Hannah Powers – Barton College – Lacrosse

Kate Resing – Thomas More University – Track and Field

Sophia Gibson – Yale University – Basketball

Sadie Hartig – United States Air Force Academy – Swimming

Ryan Burden – Catholic University of America – Basketball

Adi Melton - Walsh University - Soccer

These Pandas have made us proud, and we look forward to cheering them on as they represent NDA at the collegiate level!



SENIOR PITCHER SETS NEW ALL-TIME RECORD WITH 588 CAREER STRIKEOUTS

ABBY TURNPAUGH BREAKS STRIKEOUT RECORD IN DOMINANT WIN OVER MCNICHOLAS

Abby Turnpaugh delivered a record-setting performance Tuesday night, leading the Notre Dame Academy Pandas to a 4-1 extra-inning win over Archbishop McNicholas. With 17 strikeouts in the game, Turnpaugh not only secured the victory but also etched her name into the history books as Notre Dame Academy's all-time strikeout leader with 588 career strikeouts.

Turnpaugh was unstoppable in the circle, allowing just two hits and one run across eight innings while issuing no walks. Her leadership, poise and competitive spirit helped the Pandas hold off the Rockets in a game that highlighted her remarkable consistency and skill.

Head Coach Chris Roesel said plans are underway to recognize Turnpaugh's historic accomplishment with a special presentation at an upcoming home game, including the game ball and a commemorative plaque.

Abby's achievement is a testament to her hard work, resilience and commitment to her team. Her legacy will inspire future Pandas for years to come.

Congratulations, Abby!



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

ATHELTICS DEPARTMENT GOLF OUTING



KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE

6 JUNE, 2025

18 HOLES - 8AM - \$150

9 HOLES - 10AM - \$90





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**



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 it's impact. Use the link to check your employer.

The Matching Gift Process





















An individual donates to a nonprofit.

They fill out their employer's giftmatching form.

The employer reviews the form and verifies the donation.

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 (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



SHARING OUR

Community News

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 10 Rosary 7:45 a.m.

Alumnae Rosary 12:47 p.m.

April 11 Mid-quarter

Mass in Chapel 7:20 a.m.

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 in Alumnae Hall at 4:15 p.m.

May 8 Sips and Stems- Alumnae Hall

May 10 Senior Dinner Dance- Auditorium/Cafeteria

May 12 Faculty Send Off

May 13 Seniors - Last Day of Classes

Academic Awards - Auditorium

May 14 Senior Send off - Auditorium

May 15 Senior Exams

May 15 NDA Arts Fest 5:30 p.m.

May 22 Last Day of School

May 23 Graduation