



THE *nda* LIFE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're entering one of the most meaningful weeks of the year—Holy Week—and I hope it gives all of us a chance to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. At NDA, we started the week with a beautiful Lenten Prayer Service planned and led by our Peer Ministers. They walked us through the Stations of the Cross with personal reflections that were both moving and inspiring.

We also had a great time on Friday night at prom. Our juniors and seniors really seemed to enjoy themselves. It was a fun and memorable night, and I'm grateful to all the faculty, staff, and parents who helped make it such a success. Events like that are a reminder of how strong our NDA community is.

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, there's a lot going on—from liturgies and concerts to academic celebrations and graduation prep. You'll find a number of important reminders and upcoming events in this week's Panda Press Weekly, so be sure to read through everything and mark your calendars.

Finally, I want to encourage all of our students and families to take time this week to attend Holy Week services at your parish. These are powerful days in our faith tradition, and they offer us a chance to slow down, reconnect, and be reminded of the hope that Easter brings.

Thanks for all you do to support Notre Dame Academy. I'm grateful every day for our students and the amazing community that surrounds them.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



CAMPUS MINISTRY



PEER MINISTERS LEAD NDA FAITH COMMUNITY STUDENTS REFLECT ON CHRIST'S JOURNEY DURING LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

On Monday, April 14, Notre Dame Academy students and faculty gathered in prayer for a special Lenten service led by NDA's Peer Ministry team. The service featured a moving Stations of the Cross experience that blended traditional reflection with student voices.



Throughout the prayer service, select students offered personal witness reflections tied to specific stations, helping the community connect more deeply with Christ's journey. Peer ministers also shared brief reflections on several of the stations, encouraging all present to reflect on the relevance of each moment in their own lives.

The service served as a powerful reminder of Christ's sacrifice and the strength found in shared faith, especially during Holy Week.



MOMENTS OF GRACE UPCOMING LITURGIES AND PRAYER

Mass:

Tuesday, April 29 at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel

Friday, May 2 - May Crowning All School Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Decade of the Rosary

April 28 and May 1 at 7:45 a.m.

ATTENTION SENIORS KEEP CHRIST CLOSE IN COLLEGE

One of the best ways of staying connected to your faith and service in college is by connecting with the Campus Ministry Office or Newman Center on your new Campus! When you fill in your information with the [Newman Connection](#) - they will send your name and email address to the Campus Ministry/Newman Center at your college. In the fall, when you get there - they will then reach out to you to let you know where they are located, events they are hosting, and other ways you can stay connected! All seniors are encouraged to take a moment to complete this information once you have decided on where you are headed next!



PROM HALF DAY



PROM 2025



Student Life

A GLEAMING SUCCESS

PROM 2025: THE GLOW OF THE LANTERNS

On Friday, April 11 the students of the junior and senior classes enjoyed an evening of dinner, dancing, and camaraderie. The Prom was a major success as students engaged in dancing, eating, and celebrating another wonderful high school milestone. Music Hall was transformed into a scene from "Tangled" with lanterns, purple lights, trees, etc. The students chose a creative and meaningful theme and it turned out great. The night concluded with the crowning of Prom Duchess: Defina Teller and Prom Princess: Ella Goetz. Thanks to all of the students and faculty who helped to make this event a success, especially Mr. Strickley!



PROM HALF DAY

TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES, ONE GIFT OF SERVICE, AND ONE NDA TRADITION

Students thoroughly enjoyed the events of our Prom Half Day this year. Skool Aid, a nonprofit organization focusing on sharing passions with students to enhance their learning, presented to our students regarding bullying, empathy, and understanding / accepting differences. The students then engaged in a game of wheelchair basketball showcasing the talents of two of the Skool Aid staff members, one of whom plays professional wheelchair basketball. The message was to put goodness and kindness into the world, a message that all of us could use to hear!

Brad Fritz (a graduate of CCH) also spoke to the girls about having grit, faith, tenacity and resilience no matter the circumstance. He spoke from the heart and from experience as he suffered a traumatic brain injury as a high school student. Through his story, students learn to focus on the goodness of life, not to take life for granted, and to persevere through any challenge.

The Department of Disabled American Veterans also visited NDA on Prom Half Day so our students could engage in service and give back to our community. Our students made blankets, cut out flowers for forget me nots and assembled those forget me nots. It was the largest service project that the DAV has ever held and we are honored to have been a part of it.

The exciting day concluded with a well-loved tradition, the Prom Fashion Show. Students and staff strutted the runway in their best prom fashions. Some wore throwback and vintage dresses while others donned their dress for this year. It is a great tradition at NDA and we were thrilled to add a new dynamic this year - Alumnae guests of seniors could also participate in the fashion show. That was a tremendous hit with our students.





CONGRATS STU CO!

STUDENT COUNCIL EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to NDA's Student Council for receiving the 2025 National Gold Council of Excellence Award. This prestigious award is a testament to the highest standard of quality, leadership, innovation, and community engagement that our council consistently demonstrates through its operation, projects, and activities. Thank you to all members of our student council for your hard work and dedication to Notre Dame Academy.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY BAND PERFORMANCES

It's a busy month for the NDA/CCH Band, with a series of performances that highlight our students' hard work and talent. From casual concerts to graduation ceremonies, May is filled with opportunities to enjoy the sounds of NDA!

Upcoming Band Events:

Sunday, May 4 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. – Casual Band Concert featuring some jazz selections

Thursday, May 15 | 5:30–6:30 p.m. – Fine Arts Fest Concert with mostly jazz

Monday, May 19 | 6:15–8:00 p.m. – Graduation music for Covington Catholic High School

Friday, May 23 | 3:15–5:15 p.m. – Graduation music for Notre Dame Academy

Whether you're a fan of jazz or simply want to support our student musicians, these performances are a great way to celebrate the arts at NDA.



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!
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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!](#) Be sure to vote from your phones and vote once every hour.

NDA Softball – The Pandas went 2-1 with wins over McNicholas and Holy Cross.

NDA Lacrosse – The Pandas beat Madeira 14-11 and Cincinnati Country Day 16-9 to improve to 9-0 overall.

Abby Turnpugh, Softball – She set the school's career strikeouts record when she struck out 17 batters in an extra-inning win over McNicholas. The senior currently has 606 punchouts.

Bella McElwee-Malia Christensen, Tennis – The sophomores are undefeated this season, with wins over Dixie Heights, St. Henry and Cooper.

Kate Resing, Track and Field – She took seventh place in the long jump at Princeton, registering a distance of 16 feet, 1 inch.

Thank you for helping to honor our athletes!

PLEASE NOTE!

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.



**Screen Their Heart
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Peace of Mind**

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CARDIAC SCREENING

Knowledge is power! A preventative cardiac screening detects underlying heart abnormalities, so you and your child can take precautions. MCCOY 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.



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](#).



SOMEBUNNY LOVES NDA **HAPPY EASTER!**

From our cafeteria staff to you!!!



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!



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 6 - 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.

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



Whether you are

Artistic

Musical

S.T.E.M.

Dramatic

ATHLETIC

or you are just looking for

Something Fun

to do this summer,

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

has all sorts of

opportunities for you!

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SO MUCH TO DO THIS SUMMER AT NDA

ENRICHMENT CAMPS OFFER ART, STEM, MUSIC AND MORE!

Looking for ways to stay creative, active and inspired this summer? Notre Dame Academy is offering a wide range of summer enrichment opportunities for students of all interests—from art and music to STEM and athletics. Whether you're a computer whiz, an aspiring artist, a future engineer, or just looking for a fun and enriching way to spend your summer days, NDA has something for you!

Visual Arts Camps

High School Character Design and World Building

July 14–18 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Open to all current NDA students

Students will explore character design through drawing, storytelling, and painting in this one-week creative intensive. Camp includes supplies, instruction, and a custom t-shirt. Cost: \$350. [Register](#) by May 23. Contact: fleuryh@ndapandas.org

Middle School Art Camp: Exploring Creative Mediums

June 23–27 | 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | For rising 6th–8th graders

Campers will work with a different medium each day—drawing, markers, pastels, watercolor, and acrylics—while exploring themes inspired by famous artists and pop culture. Cost: \$350. [Register](#) by May 23. Contact: fleuryh@ndapandas.org

STEM Camp

Robotics with Sphero BOLT

June 23–26 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | Ages 9–14 | Girls and Boys

Unleash your creativity and dive into the world of robotics and coding with the Sphero BOLT! This hands-on camp will teach campers how to control their own robot, use its vibrant LED light matrix for fun displays, and communicate with other robots using infrared technology. Perfect for both beginners and those with coding experience, this camp will challenge all skill levels with exciting projects and activities. Whether you're new to coding or looking to expand your skills, you'll have a blast while learning valuable STEM concepts. [Register here.](#) Cost: \$200. Contact: Ms. Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.org with questions.

Music Enrichment

Learn a Band Instrument (Free!)

Grades 7–12 | Mondays at 7:00–8:15 p.m. | Starting June 2

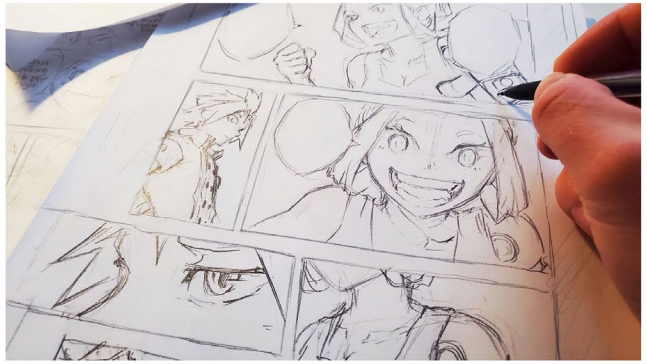
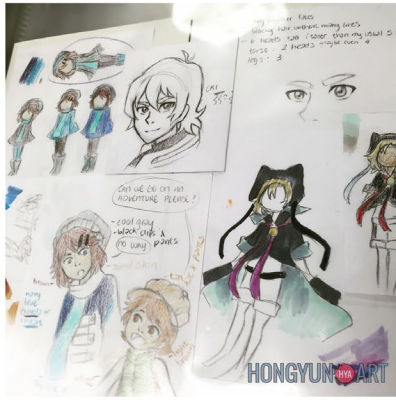
Join the NDA/CCH Summer Learning Band and learn a band instrument—no experience necessary! Instruments are provided. Contact Mr. Greg Cerimele at cerimeleg@ndapandas.org for details and rehearsal updates.

Athletic Camps

You can find all of NDA's Summer Athletic Camp Information [HERE](#).

Make this summer one to remember—create, explore, and grow at Notre Dame Academy!

You can find more information as well as registration information on Summer Enrichment Programs at NDA [HERE](#).



ART CAMP

High School Character Design and World Building

July 14 - 18

Forms and payment are due
by Friday May 23rd

Class runs Monday thru Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Any scheduling conflicts (vacation, camps, sports camps) can easily be worked out if I am notified prior to the class.

All art materials will be provided.

Age Group - All current NDA Students.

Where: Notre Dame Academy Art Studio

Cost: \$350 per student and includes instruction, studio costs, supplies, and custom t-shirt.

Lunch will not be provided. Students must pack a lunch.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at fleuryh@endapandas.org



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HERE](#)



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STEM CAMP

Dive into the world of Robotics at Notre Dame Academy's STEM Camp!

Join us for an exciting Robotics Camp from June 23 to 26, specially crafted for ages 9-14. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., young innovators will embark on an unforgettable journey into the realm of robotics and coding!

Experience the thrill of controlling your own Sphero BOLT, a cutting-edge robotic sphere packed with programmable sensors and a dynamic LED light matrix. With unlimited possibilities at your fingertips, you'll learn to master robot movement, create captivating light displays and even communicate with other Sphero BOLTs through infrared technology.

No prior coding experience? No problem! NDA's STEM Camp is designed for beginners and seasoned enthusiasts alike, offering a supportive environment where creativity and curiosity thrive.

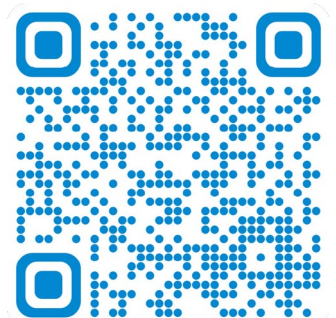
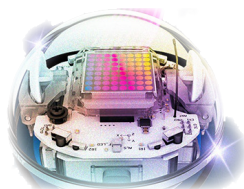
Don't miss this opportunity to develop a love for robotics, coding and STEM fundamentals in a fun and engaging setting. Secure your spot today by signing up at the QR Code below.

For any inquiries or additional information, feel free to reach out to Ms. Meghan Dooling at doolingm@ndapandas.org.

Unleash your inner innovator and join us at NDA's Robotics Camp for an unforgettable summer adventure!


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Creators
OF
TOMORROW

Register Today!

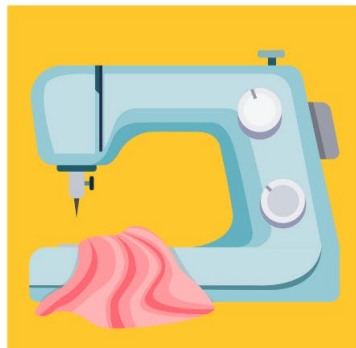
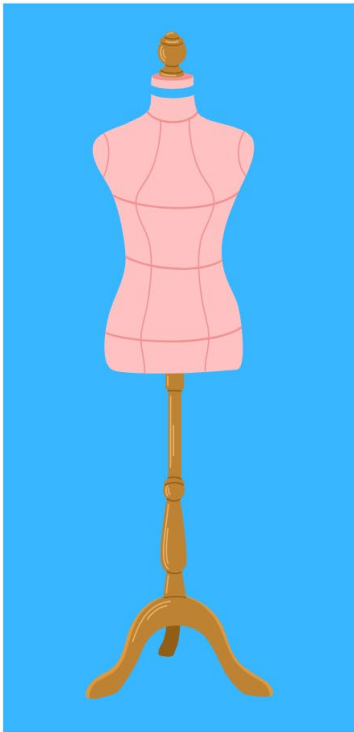


FINE ARTS

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](#).



FREE EVENT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE REGISTER.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Archery -

Ava Boertlein is representing Notre Dame Academy at the KHSAA Archery State Finals this week. Good Luck to Ava!

Lacrosse-

Lacrosse is still undefeated at 10 - 0! What a great start! They are off next week and back in action on April 29th against Dixie at Notre Dame Academy!

Softball-

We are looking for a break from the recent weather! The team is currently 6-2. They are in action tonight against Beechwood at 5:30 at Notre Dame. They will be busy over spring with games against Mercy on 4/27 and on 4/26 they take on St. Henry while celebrating Senior Day!

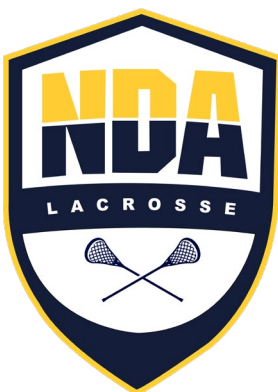
Tennis -

Tennis has had several rainouts recently, too. They are set to take on the Ryle Raiders this afternoon at Ryle. After spring break they are back in action on April 29th and then celebrating their seniors on 4/30.

Track -

We hosted our annual Diocese Track meet yesterday. We had a several top 6 finishes yesterday:

- 4x800 Relay - 1st place (Kate Blettner, Norah Barker, Maggie Durrett, Cam Kirtley)
- 100 hurdles - 2nd place and 5th place (Kate Resing, France Maier)
- 100 meter - 4th place and 6th place (Ella Long and Sofia Karim)
- 4x200 Relay - 1st place (Kate Blettner, Georgi Kirtley, Sadie Yapp, Addi Frondorf)
- 1600 meter - 1st place and 5th place (Cam Kirtley and Ruth Maier)
- 4x100 Relay - 1st place (Ella Long, Georgi Kirtley, Sadie Yapp, Addi Frondorf)
- 400 meter - 3rd place and 4th place (Kate Blettner and Addi Frondorf)
- 300 hurdles - 1st place and 6th place (Frances Maier and Addi Lawrie)
- 800 meter - 1st place and 5th place (Norah Barker and Tessa Nader)
- 200 meter - 2nd place (Ella Petzelt)
- 4x400 Relay - 1st place (Ella Long, Frances Maier, Sadie Yapp, Ella Petzelt)
- Long Jump - 3rd place and 4th place (Ella Goetz and Kate Resing)
- Triple Jump - 2nd place and 4th place (Kaitlyn Wert and Kate Resing)
- Pole Vault - 1st place (Ava Pugh)
- Shot Put - 1st place (Ella Goetz)
- Discus - 2nd place (Ella Goetz)





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!

ADVANCING THE MISSION

DONATE AND... DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

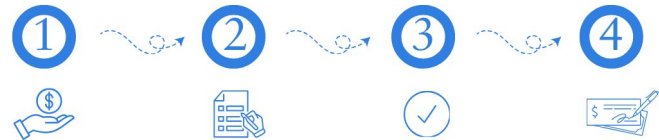
Invest in NDA's students today with a donation and make an even greater impact by having your employer match it! Matching gifts can be transformative, doubling or even tripling the support for our students' educational excellence, faith formation, and growth. Check [here](#) to see if your employer offers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

- Tech Recycling

Important dates

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 2	Food Truck Day
May 5	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week begins
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