



Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying these last few days of our summer break. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended our Panda Parent Nights these last two evenings. Your presence and participation were invaluable and it was great to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new members of our Notre Dame Academy family.

During these Parent Nights, we covered a variety of topics pertinent to each grade level, including our robust academic programs, diverse extracurricular opportunities, important dates and events and numerous ways you, as parents, can actively participate in your daughter's educational journey at Notre Dame Academy. We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is integral to creating a thriving educational experience for our students, and your involvement and support are deeply appreciated.

Much of the information presented at the Panda Parent Nights is included in this issue of the Panda Press Weekly for your reference. If you have any questions or concerns before the start of the school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

This school year will begin on Monday, August 12, at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new families. We are excited to have you all as part of our NDA community and are committed to providing a premier Catholic education for your daughter.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Notre Dame Academy!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Student Life

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES

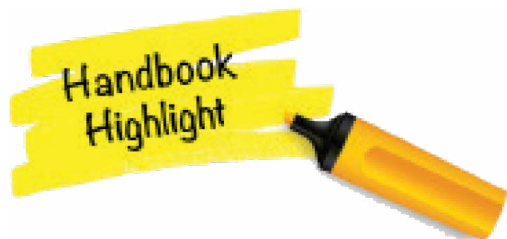
The Student / Parent Handbook linked to Final Forms was last year's handbook. If you already completed your Final Forms documents, you will be cued to complete one additional page signing off that you have been made aware of the updates to our handbook from last year. You will be prompted this week prior to the start of school. You and your daughter should sign off again after reviewing [these changes](#).

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS

CARPOOL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

In order to provide a safe and efficient exit from our parking lot, we utilize a staggered dismissal procedure. The seniors are dismissed at 2:59, the juniors are dismissed at 3:03 and the remaining students are dismissed at 3:06. If your daughter needs to carpool with a senior or junior and therefore be dismissed earlier than her grade level time, please complete [this form](#). You can return it via email to Lisa Timmerding (timmerdingl@ndapandas.org) Mrs. McLeod (mcleods@ndapandas.org), or Mrs. Kirn (kirnl@ndapandas.org). If you would like to print it and return it, please drop it off in the office. Additional copies will be available for pick up in the office as well. If your child has a form on file to carpool, she will receive a special lanyard pouch indicating that she can dismiss early. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Also, please see the picture to the left to see available parking for afternoon pick-up. For safety purposes and as advised by the Park Hills Fire Department, it is important to keep the parking lot aisles and all fire lanes clear. PLEASE DO NOT line up for afternoon pick up in the aisles of the parking lot or in fire lanes. All cars picking up after school MUST be either parked in a spot or lined up on the Hilton Drive hill.



ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

PARKING PASSES

Please utilize the forms below to request a parking pass and a parking space. The link to this form was sent to Seniors on Monday and to Juniors on Tuesday. This link will be closed as of 11:59 p.m. Thursday 8/8 so that we can prepare the passes for the first day of school. If you are not driving yet, but will be this year, you can pick up a hard copy of this form in the office once you have your license. Please let the office know if you have any questions or concerns.

Senior: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/notredameacademy1/seniorparkingspots20242025>

Junior: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/notredameacademy1/juniorparkingspots20242025>

UNIFORMS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Approved Uniform pieces are listed below as stated in our Student/Parent Handbook:

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- a gray uniform skirt or uniform slacks (the skirt or pants must be the proper size and length, be zipped and buttoned, hemmed appropriately and free of stains, rips, and/or holes). Students are required to obtain a new skirt or pants if it no longer zips, has tears, holes, or stains.
- a white or light blue banded Notre Dame Academy polo shirt
- socks must be worn
- appropriate, closed toed shoes that have a back to them
- name tag/lanyard



Optional items that may be purchased and worn with the uniform include:

- **Uniform approved:** navy blue Notre Dame Academy pullover sweater, cardigan sweater, vest, crewneck sweatshirt, or fleece (available for purchase through Schoolbelles and some may be purchased at NDA's Bambootique)
- a navy blue blazer with NDA's emblem for special occasions such as Mass, award ceremonies, etc.
- white, gray, black, or navy blue solid colored leggings that are close fitting and tapered at the ankle

Students are expected to be in uniform throughout the school day and to wear the uniform skirt zipped and buttoned. The bottom of the skirt should not be higher than the mid-thigh and should be of an acceptable and tasteful length. **This is at the discretion of the female staff and administration.*

NDA encourages parents to check how the uniform fits at the beginning of each school year and to purchase a new one if necessary. Schoolbelles is NDA's official uniform provider.



PANDA-PERFECT Style Standards

For the Sisterhood of the Gray Skirts!



Lanyard: Must be worn at all times



**Polo Shirt: White or light blue banded
NDA polo shirt**



**Sweater/Sweatshirt: Navy blue NDA pullover
sweater, cardigan, vest, crewneck sweatshirt
or fleece**



**Skirt: Gray uniform skirt, zipped and buttoned,
no higher than mid-thigh**



**Leggings: White, gray, black, or navy blue solid-
colored, close fitting and tapered at the ankle**



**Shoes: Appropriate, closed-toed shoes with
a back**



**Positive Attitude:
Wear your smile with confidence!**

*Accountability is your responsibility.
Own your actions and lead by example.*



OLYMPIC STYLE

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION



On Tuesday, August 6 students and staff at NDA were able to welcome the Freshmen for Orientation. This was a great way to start the 119 year of education at Notre Dame Academy. This group of freshmen are blessed to be called the NDA Class of 2028. We look forward to watching them grow and flourish over their tenure at NDA. They enjoyed the enthusiasm of our incredible Student Council, Family Leaders, and Student Ambassadors. They were able to learn about many facets of an education at NDA. They heard from students about what to bring in their backpacks, they learned cheers, and they learned about the Family System and the bonds of sisterhood. They were able to walk through their schedule and meet some of their teachers. And finally, they were able to have some fun, see some smiling faces, dance with some friends, and enjoy some candy salad. We hope that this provided them with an initial positive experience and we look forward to welcoming them with the same enthusiasm on August 12.



NDA'S THEME FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

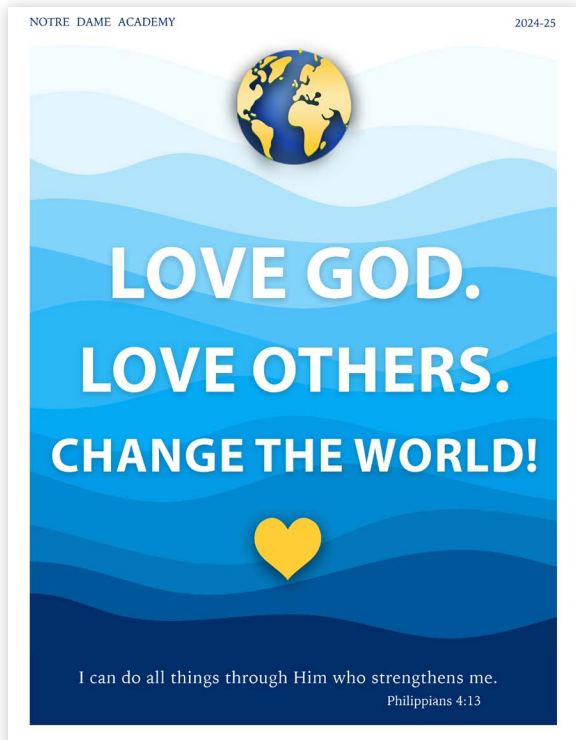
LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. CHANGE THE WORLD.

This year, Notre Dame Academy embraces a profound theme that captures the essence of our Catholic values and educational mission: "Love God. Love Others. Change the World." This theme is deeply rooted in the second Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, which emphasizes "The Human Dignity of Each Person as an Image of God."

At NDA, we believe in the inherent worth and uniqueness of every individual. This year's theme calls us to appreciate, respect, and reverence the diversity among all persons. We are committed to supporting a holistic education that encourages a positive sense of self-worth and the full development of each student. By recognizing the image of God in every person, we strive to practice respectful listening and availability in all our interactions.

Our goal is to create a welcoming atmosphere that fosters unity and community. By building strong relationships and providing nurturing environments, we help individuals claim and regain their human dignity, identity, and self-worth.

Through the theme "Love God. Love Others. Change the World," we are reminded that our faith calls us to action. We are inspired to live out these values in our daily lives, transforming not only ourselves but also the world around us. As we embark on this academic year, let us unite in our commitment to embody this theme, making a positive impact on our community and beyond.



IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE NDA MATH DEPARTMENT

NEW GRAPHING CALCULATOR OPTION FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Good morning,

As the beginning of the school year is approaching, the math department at Notre Dame Academy would like to communicate a recent change to all families whose daughter(s) will be attending NDA for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Many standardized tests, including the ACT, PreACT, SAT, PSAT, and national AP math and science exams are now accepting the use of the NumWorks graphing calculator. To help ensure that our students are prepared for these various national exams, the NDA math department will be incorporating use of both the TI-84 Plus and NumWorks graphing calculators in our courses. In our own exploration of the NumWorks calculator, we feel it provides a more user-friendly interface that will help our students establish greater clarity in their understanding of material. The NumWorks graphing calculator (intended to replace the TI-84) costs \$99, but there is also a FREE app version of the calculator for all phones, Ipads, and laptops. The NDA math department was able to generate a discount code for any NDA students interested in purchasing this calculator in lieu of the TI-84 graphing calculator. More information about the NumWorks calculator can be found at <https://www.numworks.com/>. We encourage you or your daughter to explore this option as they gather materials for their classes.

Below is a 10% discount code for any NDA student that purchases the NumWorks graphing calculator. Please note that this link will expire on September 4th.

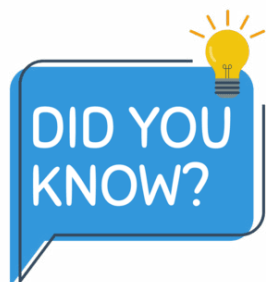
<https://grouporder.numworks.com/xb4ew3>

If you or your daughter have already purchased a TI-84 graphing calculator and prefer to stick with this device, our department is prepared to continue teaching how to perform various tasks on it to help effectively strengthen knowledge of math content.

We recognize this is being communicated very closely to the school year, but we feel it is in our students' best interest to share the recent change made in standardized and AP tests and at least offer this new device for our classes. We recognize that purchasing the NumWorks graphing calculator now may result in students not having the actual device when school starts. Our plan is to have the affected students use the online NumWorks app to buy us time until their actual devices arrive.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to getting into the classroom on August 12th!

Thank you,
Leslie Litmer
NDA Math Department Chair
litmerl@ndapandas.org



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GRADE LEVEL INFORMATION

Parents can find detailed grade level information for their daughters at the following link: [Grade Level Information](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GET READY FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Here are some important dates for this summer as well as our “No School” dates for the 2024-25 school year:

August

- 6-9 Freshman Bridge Program
- 8 Alumnae Rosary 9:30 a.m. - All are welcome!
- 12 First Day of School
- 15 NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Assumption
- 16 Opening School Mass

September

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 6 Picture Day
- 7 Playing for a Purpose Volleyball
- 12 Alumnae Rosary 12:50 p.m. - All are welcome!
- 18 Donor Scholarship Breakfast

October

- 1 Foundation Day
- 11 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

November

- 1 NO SCHOOL - All Saints' Day
- 5 NO SCHOOL - Election Day
- 10 Open House
- 16 Light the Night for NDA
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
- 28-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break begins

January

- 6 School Resumes
- 20 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

- 17 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day

March

- 14 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

April

- 17 - 25 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

May

- 22 Last Day of School
- 23 Graduation



PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

BAMBOOTIQUE

In addition to getting your new fall Panda spirit wear at the Bambootique, did you know that you can get many school uniform items there as well? Check it out [HERE](#).



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Bambootique

FINALFORMS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINALFORMS ACCOUNTS

FinalForms Updates Needed for the 24-25 School Year

Notre Dame Academy partners with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service which allows you to complete and sign forms for your daughter(s) online. FinalForms saves data from year-to-year, meaning you will never need to enter the same information twice! You may review your data at any time throughout the year to verify that it is current.

All parents and students are expected to use FinalForms and complete their updates for next year by July 5, 2024 (if participating in athletics) or by the first day of school. FinalForms will be active for the 2024-25 school year beginning on June 10.

Students who want to participate in athletics must upload a valid, signed KH-SAA physical form in Final Forms before participating in any athletic activities, including conditioning workouts, open gyms and tryouts for all sports. **The KHSAA physical form can be found [HERE](#).**

If you do not have a FinalForms account, please create one account at: <https://notredameacademy-ky.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create the parent account, begin your daughter's account and sign your forms. **Your daughter's NDA gmail must be used when setting up her account.**

Once the parent/guardian creates the account, the student will be prompted in her NDA email to submit her forms. Please note: if you have already turned in your daughter's immunization record, you do not need to upload it separately. School personnel will upload it for you.

If you already have an account for a current NDA student and need to add another daughter:

Login to your account and click MY STUDENTS to add another student to your account and make any updates for your returning student. Make sure you are updating information for the 24-25 school year.

If you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lisa Timmerding at timmerdingl@ndapandas.org

PLEASE NOTE!

ATTENTION WORK STUDY AND VOLUNTEERS

LIVE VIRTUS TRAINING SCHEDULE

[HERE](#) is the latest Live Virtus training schedule. Please note that all individuals participating in work-study or volunteering at NDA must be Virtus trained. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Leanne Kirn at 859-292-1820.



SAVING LIVES

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Notre Dame Academy Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9:30 am - 11:45 am

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

All donors get a 40oz Hoxworth Tumbler!

Blood Drive will be on a Mobile Bus

To make an appointment go to:
hoxworth.org/groups/nda
please see Mrs. Lashua with questions



SCAN TO SAVE A LIFE



FREE Donor Gift



Requirements to donate:

- Photo ID
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- Age 17+
- Age 16 with parental consent
- Comply with donor eligibility requirements

Learn more: hoxworth.org/donors/high-school

Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati
3130 Highland Ave., 4th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45267-0055

hoxworth.org
(513) 451-0910



BE A SUPERHERO

DONATE BLOOD & EARN A \$500 GRANT FOR NDA!

Hoxworth Blood Center is offering a fantastic opportunity for Notre Dame Academy to earn a \$500 grant! If we can generate 50 blood donations in our honor by October 27, we will be eligible for this grant.

The Challenge:

Gather 50 or more students, family, friends or alumnae to donate blood in NDA's name at NDA's Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 21 at NDA or at any of Hoxworth's seven Neighborhood Donor Centers. The winning schools will be presented with a check live on Local 12 TV!

Where to Donate:

At NDA's Blood drive on August 21 OR at one of Hoxworth's seven Neighborhood Donor Centers:

- Anderson: 7715 Five Mile Road
- Blue Ash: 9708 Kenwood Road
- Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky: 2220 Grandview Drive
- Tri-County: 11812 Springfield Pike
- Central: 3130 Highland Avenue
- North: 7844 Kingland Drive
- West: 6323 Glenway Avenue

Schedule Your Donation:

Visit hoxworth.org or call (513) 451-0910. Be sure to mention Notre Dame Academy when you donate!

Let's come together as a community to meet this challenge, save lives, and earn a \$500 grant for our school. Go Pandas!

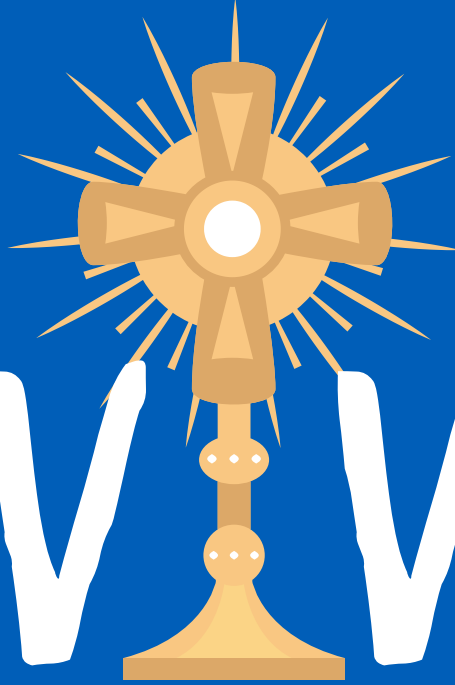


NO AUDITION REQUIRED JOIN NDA'S CHOIR

NDA's choir is open to all students, freshmen through seniors, and no audition is needed. If you would like to join or have questions, please email Mrs. Chandler chandlerk@ndapandas.org.



Office of Youth Ministry



REVIVE

August 10

Thomas More University

**7 - 8 pm Welcome Activities - Saints Center
Theology Talk - Fr. Mike Hennigen**

8 - 9 pm Games and Sports

9 - 10 pm Music. Adoration. Confession. Chapel

A free night of fellowship, sports, music and adoration for high school students.

“He will revive us” Hosea 6:2

Come & See, ALL are welcome!

Angie Poat | ap oat@covdio.org | www.covdio.org/youth/

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



NOMINATION TIME ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We're happy to announce that Notre Dame Academy will be hosting its Athletic Hall of Fame event this fall! This is an incredible opportunity for us to honor and celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals who have left a lasting impact on our community.

If you know a former Panda athlete who deserves recognition for her exceptional athletic contributions to NDA, we invite you to nominate her for consideration [HERE](#).

NDA BOWLING IS LOOKING FOR YOU! NDA BOWLING CAMP

A flyer for the NDA Bowling Camp. It features the NDA logo in the top left corner, a red bowling ball, and a white bowling pin on a wooden floor. The text on the flyer provides details about the camp, including dates, times, location, and contact information.

Join Notre Dame Academy
Bowling Camp

Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders from St. Joseph
(Crescent Springs) St. Agnes, Blessed
Sacrament, St. Pius X and Prince of Peace

August 27 – 29, 2024
3:30 – 5:30
Erlanger Strikes/Spares

No cost to attend

Contact Head Coach David Hampton
hamptond@ndapandas.org

Looking for 6th-7th-8th graders from feeder schools who would be attending Notre Dame Academy. **No cost open bowling!**

Location: Erlanger Strike / Spares

Dates: August 27, 28, 29 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) From 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Head Coach: David Hampton hamptond@ndapandas.org

COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



NAVIGO SCHOLARS PROGRAM EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS



Through NaviGo Scholars, tri-state businesses have the power to connect with high school students in the region who have the interest and aptitude for their industry. Students have the opportunity to explore and experience the focused industry/business/career paths offered by the sponsoring company such as Toyota, Scripps, Duke Energy, etc. NaviGo, through the help of local educational and community partners, recruits students to apply to be part of the individual Scholars programs. Sponsors then personally select who they want to be part of their focused Scholars group. Applications are open now through 9/4. To learn more and to complete an application visit <https://navigoprep.com/navigo-scholars/>.

Back to School Mental Health Tips!

Ask for help if you need it!
Sometimes people think asking for help is a sign of weakness but its really a sign of strength!

Be proud of
yourself and the
work that you are
doing!

Set aside
time for
YOU!

*Prioritize a
consistent sleep
schedule.*

Have faith!
Things will work out,
even in uncertain
times.

**KEEP A
GRATITUDE
JOURNAL!**

Stay organized
and manage
stress.



ADVANCING THE MISSION

JOIN US

SUMMER ROSARY

Join us for our last summer Alumnae Rosary tomorrow, August 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Marian Circle at NDA.

All are welcome!



LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA: A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

We are excited to announce our upcoming fall fundraiser, *Light the Night for NDA*, which will be held at The Grand Ballroom in Covington, Kentucky, on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This cherished event brings together our current and past parents as well as alumnae and community members for an evening of drinks, music, dinner and merriment.

Join us for this fun celebration of our mission, and let's *Light the Night for NDA* together! For more information, contact [Myanna Webster](#).

LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA: FRESHMAN PARENT GIFT GATHERING PARTY!

As we eagerly prepare for the new academic year at Notre Dame Academy, we hope your summer has been filled with memorable moments and well-deserved relaxation. We are excited to welcome our freshmen to our campus and look forward to an incredible year!

We would like to invite our freshman parents to our Light the Night for NDA Freshman Parent Gift Gathering Party. All donations received will be used for our fall fundraiser, Light the Night for NDA. Whether it is a \$10 Venmo donation, a bottle of bourbon, or a restaurant gift card, every contribution makes a difference. This open house-style event will take place on August 8 in the Collaborative Learning Center at NDA from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will be an evening of fun and a great way to meet other freshman parents!

[RSVP to the Freshman Gift Gathering Party Here!](#)



You're invited to the

Freshmen Parent Gift Gathering Party

08.08.24 | 6:00-8:30 PM | The CLC at Notre Dame Academy

All items donated benefit Notre Dame Academy's Fall Fundraiser Light the Night for NDA, Presented by Performance Lexus Northern Kentucky.



Gift cards to local restaurants



Rare bourbon



Entertainment / Sports Tickets



Contribute to larger gift card raffle with a cash / Venmo donation

Party Hosted By: Stephanie Lawrie, Tracie Stacy, Allison Berger, Ali Reeves, Emily Brown



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

- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment

Important dates

August 6-9	Freshman Bridge Program
August 8	Light the Night Freshman Parent Gift Gathering Party in the Collaborative Learning Center 6:3 - 8:00 p.m.
August 11	Senior car painting 4:00 p.m.
August 12	First Day of School
August 15	NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Assumption
August 16	Opening School Mass
September 2	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
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