

## **SOPHOMORE CLASS INFORMATION 2025-2026**

Welcome to Sophomore year!

Each year brings many opportunities for our students and parents to participate in various events, some of which are described below. This information, along with updates, can be found on our web page. [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org)



### **Picture Day**

**September 4**

Students may be out of uniform for their school picture. However, they may not wear a V-neck or any low cut top, or one that has writing on it. Shorts or skirts must be of appropriate length. A QR code for ordering will be in the Panda Press and emailed out prior to Picture Day. Students will still need to have their picture taken even if they are not buying a packet

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### **Mini Night**

**September 30**

Parents have the opportunity to be students for the night! At **7:00pm** parents follow their daughter's schedule as each teacher explains his or her curriculum and expectations. Your daughter will provide a schedule for you to follow that evening.

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### **CERT -College Equipped Readiness Test (CERT)**

**September 24**

CERT is an online assessment used to help students get ready for the ACT. CERT tests are age appropriate and address the content areas included in the ACT: English, Math, Reading and Science. The tests also match the format of the ACT including timing, question types and difficulty levels. The test is given to sophomores once in the Fall and another time in the Spring. Students and parents can go online and see the results of the test and be given detailed video instructions for each answer.

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### **PSAT**

**October 14**

This test is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is a practice for the SAT. It determines National Merit Finalists at the junior level and is used as a practice at the sophomore level. Students will take this test in the morning during the school day.

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### **Parent/ Teacher Conferences**

**October 28**

Parents will have the opportunity to schedule ten-minute appointments with any of your daughter's teachers. School will dismiss early on this day, and conferences will be held from 2:30 until 8:00pm.

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### **Mother/Daughter**

**TBD**

This event is sponsored by the PPC. It includes snacks, fun, and dancing. Tickets will be sold in advance.

According to Diocesan Policy, alcohol may not be served or consumed at this event.

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### **Class Ring Information Session**

**November 14**

A Herff Jones rep will meet with the Sophomores during homeroom to explain ring ordering options. Parent Information night will be held on November 18th.

Herff Jones will **return to NDA to take ring orders during lunch on November 19.**  
Purchasing class rings is optional.

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### **Silver Bells**

**December 13**

This is a semi formal dance for Sophomores through Seniors and held at the Newport Car Barn. Appropriate attire is required. Students attending are required to attend school all day on the day of the event. This is a drug and alcohol free event and random breathalyzing will occur.

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### **Exams**

**December 17-19**

Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

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### **Father/Daughter Dance**

**TBD**

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### **Retreat**

**February 2**

Students will report to school at 9am, and the retreat will conclude by 2:45pm. The Sophomore class retreat is held at NDA and The Heights and focuses on Marian spirituality by reflecting on scripture/rosary and applying it to their everyday lives. The retreat consists of talks, small group sessions, activities and prayer service. All Sophomores are required to attend this retreat.

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### **Ring Ceremony**

**March 10**

All Sophomores will be invited to the celebration of the sophomores becoming upperclasswomen. The ceremony takes place on their retreat day. If a student did not order a ring, she will receive a NDA pendant.

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### **Academic Awards**

**May 13**

Students who have won scholarships, first honors, state or national recognition, and their parents, are invited to attend this event held at NDA from **7:00-8:30pm**. A reception follows the ceremony.

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### **Final Exams**

**May 18,19,20**

Students will follow a special half-day schedule each of these days in order to have an exam in each of their classes.

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### **Cleaning Day**

**May 21**

All Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors are required to come to NDA for one hour of cleaning. All students share in ownership of the school and are expected to care for it as well.

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## **OTHER EVENTS:**

### **Scheduling**

January begins the scheduling process for the following year. Sophomores and their parents will be invited to attend an information meeting, and all sophomores will meet during a homeroom period to discuss course options. The various departments recommend students for a specific course and level (college prep, honors, AP), and students and parents receive a tentative schedule at the meeting.

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### **Service**

Service requirements will be shared with the students by Mrs. Price, our Campus Minister.