



AUG. 20 (3-6 p.m.):
PTO Picnic! See the enclosed flier!

AUG. 23 or AUG. 29-6:30 p.m.: 5-8 Tech Night (Parent & Student Mandatory Training-choose one date)

AUG. 31: Back-To-School Night!

- 5-6 p.m. **New Family Reception**
- 6-8 p.m. **All K-8 Families:** Drop off supplies, meet your teachers, shop the New & "Gently Used" Uniform sales, sign up for programs, meet our Student Leadership!

SEPT. 5: 1st Day of School Gr.1-8

SEPT. 6: 1st Day of School Preschool & Kindergarten

SEPT. 14: Launch of a New Year & Grade 4 Tech Night! (Gr 4 Tech mandatory training.)

SEPT. 15 & 16: Nativity Fest & Heritage Days!

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy August! As you prepare for back to school, please join us at our first ever Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Summer Picnic at Hyland Park Reserve. We'll gather from 3-6 p.m. Bring your favorite item to grill and something to pass. Nativity will provide water, condiments and paper products. Enjoy the fun and games and family time!

Everyone is invited to "Back-to-School Night," August 31st from 6-8 p.m. for Preschool to 8th Grade: (New families, come at 5 p.m. for supper and an opportunity to meet your mentor family.) As we get closer to the start of school, it's exciting to see summer projects completed. We've set out new classroom materials and finished projects. Our downstairs hallways were painted bright blue, thanks to our Knights of Columbus, cupboards were added to 5th grade classrooms, Men's Club donated new white boards for the elementary rooms, and our new preschool classroom was set up. Thanks to Jim Ellison and all of our summer volunteers for their help!

Rolling out TADS. The completion of the TADS online payments took a little longer than expected. We will text/email families through Instant Alert when the enrollment email is sent out. We expect families to receive this by August 21st. If you are paying your tuition in full, you may drop off a payment in the office or pay on "Back-to-School Night."

Introducing TAHER Lunch! Taher is an outside lunch service that provides healthy, hot lunches for our school. They serve other schools in our area, like Holy Angels. Enclosed is a menu for September 2017. For the first few months the lunch will be limited to one main course as we determine family usage. Starting in November, we will add a second lunch option. This lunch option will need to be pre-ordered. The Nativity Lunch Committee and SAC helped decide this change and we hope that you will find the program a delicious, healthy choice for your child.

Cornerstone/Educate Online Lunch Payments: What can you expect?

- 1) The ability to make lunch payments online for all of your children in a family account. (Please note, you will be charged \$1.50 per online payment, so we recommend making larger lunch deposits less often.)
- 2) Emails or texts when your lunch account is low.
- 3) The ability to review what your child has eaten for lunch!

Can I still make lunch payments in the office? YES! Just stop in or send a payment to the school office with your child's name for "LUNCH"



LUNCH AIDE NEEDED (Paid position): Are you available between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. daily? Nativity needs a lunch aide. In this position you help students in the lunch line, monitor students at the tables and assist in washing tables.
CALL TO APPLY: 952.881.8160 email: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

➤ **Mandatory Logos for Nativity Shirts: What can you expect?**

- 1) All K-8 students wearing a polo shirt must have an embroidered school logo, available through Educational Outfitters by ordering online, or going to their store.
- 2) If you have polos without logos, you may take them to Educational Outfitters to be embroidered.
- 3) Girls wearing jumpers will not need to have logos on the polos underneath their jumper.
- 4) MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTION – Contact Educational Outfitters online or go to their store to order the new, middle school shirt, available now!

JUNIOR ROBOTICS 1-5: What can you expect? The opportunity to sign up for an after school 1-5 Junior Robotics program this fall. See the enclosed flier!

HOST A STUDENT FROM KOREA: When you host, all student's expenses are paid. Contact KoAm National Coordinator Haewon Park at [651-300-2380](tel:651-300-2380) and [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640) or by email at administrator@koameduall.org.

VISIT THE PTO TABLE - Volunteers Needed: Volunteering is a great way to stay connected with your child and meet other parents. Please remember, all volunteers assisting with students or attending field trips must have completed the following:

1. Background Check (Best if done prior to the Virtus Training)
2. Virtus Training (Available at Nativity August 30 & September 6-You must sign up online at: www.virtus.org)
Contact Katie with questions: kvanderweit@nativitybloomington.org with questions.

HERITAGE DAYS & THE PARADE – September 15 & 16: We hope you can join us for the fun Nativity Family Parade! Details to be sent home after school has started. In the meantime, we could really use your help in volunteering at Heritage Days. Go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45acac2aa7f94-heritage1>

COACHES: Nativity of Mary School is always looking for coaches. We offer soccer, volleyball, basketball and sometimes baseball/softball. If you have an interest, let Blair Steffens know at bsteffens@nativitybloomington.org

Welcome Back! As we gather back together for the school year, I ask that we begin our year together in prayers. Our school staff, School Advisory Committee, and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) look forward to focusing on the goals of our Strategic Plan. Please feel free to email me or stop by to visit. ***We are honored that you have chosen Nativity of Mary Catholic School! - Blessings, Mindy Reeder, Principal*** mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

2017 BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT - “To Do” List

Stop in the School Cafeteria:

SUPPLY LISTS ON OUR WEBSITE!

- **Visit tables and learn about fun programs and activities including:** Creative Club; Music & Piano lessons; School Nurse; Business Office; Volunteer Groups; KOAM exchange students; Athletics
- **Drop off tuition or fee payments** (if not done previously or not doing online payments)
- **Shop the New & “Gently Used Uniform Sale”**
- **Turn in your forms: (YOU CAN ALSO DO THESE ONLINE NOW!)** *Emergency card; signature page for handbook/media release/communication folder; volunteer sign up forms; code of conduct; out-of-uniform pass purchases; health forms...*
- **Stop by the lunch table:**
 - Hot lunches start September, drop off payments or pay online
 - Complete the form to be eligible for free and reduced lunches
 - Pre-order your September lunch choices

Go to the Classrooms:

- Find your “home room” – lists will be posted outside of the classrooms
- Meet your teacher & drop off school supplies
- Set up your locker
- Pick up your assignment planner (no cost)

Outside by Door #10 (Playground door):

- Meet our Nativity Student Leadership Team Members
- Enjoy a freeze pop!

