



## News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

Nativity of Mary School celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent with our Middle School Concert, the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Play, Mass, Christmas parties and our traditional Sing-A-Long. I'm truly in awe of the gift of your children – their talents, their kindness, and the gifts that they share. Thank you for sharing your children with Nativity of Mary School – we are honored this Christmas, and always, to partner with you in their education. We are better people because of your children.

**TRIMESTER CELEBRATION:** Nativity of Mary School ended our 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester celebrating student achievement and growth. Students were recognized for the Positivity Project "Character Strengths," academic achievement, and academic growth. We are so proud of the hard work of our students during this trimester and look forward to continued growth this winter!

### NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **Nativity of Mary Annual Fund:** The Annual Fund began three years ago and raise critical dollars. Our goal this year is \$85,000. To date we have raised \$36,400.
- **52 Club Raffle:** As a family with TADS tuition, you have already bought out of this fundraiser; however, the more tickets you sell now, the more tuition credit you will earn!
  - 1) **Don't want to buy any additional tickets?** Fill out the ones that you've received in your packet to enter the drawing (You've already paid for these through TADS.)
  - 2) **Want to sell more?** Fill out the tickets AND send in a check with your order form for any number of additional tickets. **THE MORE YOU SELL, THE MORE YOU EARN** -(A maximum of \$750 can be earned.)
  - 3) **Don't want to participate in the raffle?** Send back the tickets unsigned.

\*\*\*All raffle tickets, sold, signed, or unsigned, **MUST BE RETURNED** to the school office by January 9, 2019.

**RALLY FOR ROBERTSON BENEFIT-January 18 at the KC Hall:** Please plan to join us at this adult-only event to raise dollars to support Mrs. Robertson with her medical costs. Tickets are available in the school office.

**NATIVITY OF MARY 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL APPEAL:** Nativity of Mary School has invited parishioners and Nativity supporters to contribute to our Annual Fund. If your family, or extended family, would like to make a donation to the school, you may donate by sending a check to the school office, mailing a donation to 9901 E Bloomington Freeway, Bloomington, MN 54520 or donate online at: ([DONATE BY CLICKING HERE](#)). To date we have raised \$36,300 toward a goal of \$85,000!

**Connie Dowzak's Retirement Celebration January 6 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**  
 Join us in the School Cafeteria. Come to say farewell, drop off a card, and thank her for over 28 1/2 years of service to Nativity and Creative Clubhouse!

May your **Home** be warm,  
 your **Holidays** grand,  
 & may your **Heart** be  
 held gently in the Lord's hands.



**MISSION:** Nativity of Mary Catholic School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

### DEC. 20: NEWSLETTER

[Can't find your paper copy?](#)  
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**DEC. 20:** Last day of school, Christmas Parties and Sing-A-Long

### JAN. 7: SCHOOL RESUMES

**JAN. 11:** Spirit Wear Day!

**JAN. 13:** Open House at St. Edward for New Preschool Location!

**JAN. 18:** Rally for Robertson Benefit

**JAN. 21:** NO SCHOOL -MLK Day

**JAN. 27:** Nativity of Mary Open House!

**JOIN US ON:**  
[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)  
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)  
[FACEBOOK \(Click\)](#)

**MAKE A GIFT TO LUNCH!** Nativity of Mary School has some families who struggle to pay for hot, school lunches. If you would consider making a gift to our Lunch Angel Account, we would appreciate your support. Please make checks payable to Nativity of Mary School (Angel Account.)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE - STUDENT TRY OUT (4-8<sup>th</sup>):** Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? If you are in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grades, fill out the application form at: <http://bit.ly/2QwaNEq> and pick an audition date at: <http://bit.ly/2TzhMeG>

**PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20:** Students who will be four next fall and in their last year of preschool, are invited to apply for scholarships.

**Apply:** <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

#### **KUDOS:**

- **52 Club:** William Reed 12/16 - \$100 winner; Howard Boeser - \$1,000 winner 12/23! And Joseph Podolinsky, \$100 winner 12/30.
- **Middle School Students:** Thank you for a beautiful Christmas concert and wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Play! Special thanks to Miss Shukle, Dr. Rule, Mrs. Bergquist, Mrs. Prusha, and Mrs. Rivera.
- **Bus Driver Breakfast!** Thanks to Laurie Nemanich and all of the families who baked or helped honor our bus drivers. We received a kind thank you!

#### **REMINDERS:**

- **APPARELNOW:** Has both Nativity of Mary Church and School logos! Visit [www.apparelnow.com](http://www.apparelnow.com) and use the "Find a Store" box to enter "Nativity of Mary." (Proceeds this year will benefit Lynn Robertson)
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS:** Proceeds will benefit Lynn Robertson, order at: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>
- **BLOOMINGTON CUSTOM EMBROIDERY:** Various spirit wear items are available to support Lynn Robertson. You may order at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR WINTER IS DEC. 20, 2018.** We resume school on January 7, 2019.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)



#### **LUNCH UPDATES**

##### **A La Carte Items – CLOSED.**

Recently we had a theft in our lunchroom of product and petty cash. As a result, we have decided to close the "A La Carte" sales at this time.

**LUNCH BALANCES:** Please log into Educate monthly to check on your lunch account balance. Our goal is to have positive balances as 2019 begins. We are accepting donations for "Lunch Angels." Please consider a donation.

**TABLE LAYOUT:** Jill Grimme is reorganizing the lunchroom layout and students are table leads. This is helping to reduce waste on the floor and increase recycling processes.



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LEARNING at NATIVITY

Nativity of Mary School is partnering with the University of Notre Dame in a three year grant through their Higher Powered Learning Program. Their staff is working directly with our teachers, four this year, but all of our teachers over the next three years, to implement a personalized learning program for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

JANUARY 12, 2019  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Nativity of Mary Catholic Church

*Charism  
Discernment  
Retreat*

Cost: \$10, includes lunch  
Contact: Cinthia Biros for registration  
information at  
[cbiros@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:cbiros@nativitybloomington.org)

St. Thomas Academy – Winter Admissions Showcase, January 6 – 1 p.m. Register to attend at [cadets.com/showcase](http://cadets.com/showcase)

BSM Red Knight-Attend our Open House Monday, January 7, 2019, 6-8:30 p.m. Register for one of our Open Houses at [bsmschool.org/visit](http://bsmschool.org/visit). It's time to become a Red Knight! The priority application deadline for the 2019-20 school year is January 18, 2019. Apply today at [bsmschool.org](http://bsmschool.org)

