



# Celebrating Saint Valentine



Dear Nativity Families:

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Long family. I also invite you to join me in praying for healing for Cindy Keogh's husband, our new Creative Clubhouse coordinator, and the Sherden family. We extend our sympathy and prayers to the Mendoza and Brieschke families at the loss of grandparents. Thank you for your support and prayers.



**This week we focused on "Love" through our Positivity Project.** Students were invited through morning meeting discussions to "Love their neighbor." We prayed for God to help us love as he asks us to love one another and to love our enemies. This is so hard sometimes! Miss Thorpe's class shared Bible readings and a song with all primary students. They are featured on our Facebook Page, check it out: [2nd Grade](#). To continue the conversation at home, I've included the Positivity Project link for love. ([Definitions of Love](#))

**YOU ARE REGISTERED!** If your child is currently in Preschool to Grade 7 they have been automatically registered. Please login to confirm their grade level for next year. Last week a separate letter was sent home reviewing this and announcing next year's tuition. We are honored to partner with you in the education of your child. Thank you for your trust in Nativity. If you missed these letters, we have posted them online on our website under ["Feb. 7 Attachments."](#)

- **K-8 TADS SCHOLARSHIPS DUE-FEB. 17:** Complete your TADS financial aid forms by February 17, 2019 in order to be eligible for the largest scholarships through Aim Higher, Catholic Community Foundation or the Catholic Services Appeal. Apply: <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx?fa=1&lang=en>

**MIDYEAR TESTING CONTINUED!** Nativity of Mary School is doing midyear assessments with NWEA Map testing. This is a midyear check in to ensure that your child is on a path of success in their learning. Teachers will use these results to help build in interventions or challenges for your child midyear. These results will be shared with you at conferences on March 7 & 8.

**MESSY ART NIGHT – Sun., Feb. 17 (4-6 p.m.)** The PTO is hosting a **FREE** family event. There will be 10 stations of art projects for the kids to explore with their imagination. We are asking for parents to help volunteer and offer some guidance for these little inventors. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8A728A4FA7-messy>

- **NEW THIS YEAR AT MESSY ART NIGHT:** Come and meet a local Minnesota award winning artist. **Shelley Holl** will share how her talent has become her career! Please come meet Shelly and let your children see what they can do with their talents!



**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.

### **FEB. 14: NEWSLETTER**

[Can't find your paper copy?](#)  
[Click here for attachments on our school website.](#)

### **FEB. 14:** Valentine parties!

**FEB. 15:** "Clash Day" out-of-uniform; Volleyball Game 9:45 a.m.; Talent Show 1:15 p.m. (Ski Club 4 p.m.)

### **FEB.17: MESSY ART NIGHT** 4-6 p.m.

\*\*\*SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!

### **FEB. 18: NO SCHOOL –** President's Day

**FEB. 21:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Information Night – 7 p.m. \*\*5<sup>th</sup> Grade see the enclosed flier.

**FEB. 27:** PTO Meeting – 7 p.m. Gathering Space

### **JOIN US ON:**

[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)  
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)  
[FACEBOOK \(Click\)](#)

## SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 15-Men's Club 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival (4-9 p.m.)** – See details below!
- **April 13<sup>th</sup> Spirit of Spring Event "Denim & Diamonds!" (6 – 11 p.m.)** – Join us for a night out you won't forget. Jazz up your denim and join the fun. See the enclosed "Save the Date" flier!

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20

- **PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20:** Students who will be four next fall and in their last year of preschool are invited to apply: <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

**NEW STUDENTS for 2019-20:** For current families, TADS does a rollover, but your child may not have ended up in the appropriate grade, so please login to check and change. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall to preschool or kindergarten, please register them online! ([Click to register](#))

## NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **52 Club Raffle:** The \$100 winner this week is Amber Altendorf. Congrats!
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. Our goal this year is \$85,000. To date we have raised \$50,760. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

## NATIVITY NEEDS YOU- Looking for a Job?

See both of these position descriptions on the Archdiocese website at <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- **Marketing/Communications Coordinator (Temporary, part time)**
- **Preschool Director for our new location**

**KUDOS:** To our students who lived out kindness and love this week as part of our Positivity Project! We recognized Sam Keegan in Kindergarten.

## REMINDERS:

We do have counselors available here each week if you wish to reach out to them for your child. Here are their contacts:

- **Counselor K-6** – Jackie Virnig - [jvirnig@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:jvirnig@nativitybloomington.org)
- **Counselor 7-8** – Carrie Cooley - [ccooley@isd271.org](mailto:ccooley@isd271.org)

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



**Church of St. Edward – CANA DINNER!** You are invited! St. Edward's is hosting a Cana Dinner on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. New couples only pay \$25! Sign up online at:

<https://stedwardschurch.org/event/cana-dinner-2/>

**MEN'S CLUB: Nativity Fish Fry-Friday, March 15 (4-9 p.m.)** Next week in your communication folder for February 21 you will be receiving information about the presale and prizes you can win along with 10 tickets. Mark your calendars today and start talking to your friends and family about this community event! Also, volunteers needed! Please lend a hand and sign up for a shift to help by contacting Andy Wuebben at [abwuebben@gmail.com](mailto:abwuebben@gmail.com).



## LUNCH UPDATES

**LUNCH BALANCES:** Please log into Educate monthly to check on your lunch account balance. Our goal is to have positive balances each month.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Looking for volunteers for serving lunch. Email Jill Grimme at "[LUNCH VOLUNTEER](#)" or email Jill at her school email: [jgrimme@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:jgrimme@nativitybloomington.org)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sign up by clicking on this link to volunteer for recess.

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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 to implement personalized learning for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

**BLAST Teachers** – The University of Notre Dame staff did a phone conference with our BLAST teachers sharing their observation results and suggestions for continued growth.

**NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS** – All teachers met in their PLC to review the February "Growth Mindset" focus.

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