



# News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

**Veterans Day Program!** Nativity of Mary School honored area veterans this past Monday with a short program and performances by our bands, Middle School choir and sign language students. We thank all past and present veterans for their service and are blessed by their sacrifice. We ask everyone to join us in praying for our veterans.

**NOV. 15 & 19 PRE-K to GRADE 8 CONFERENCES:** Our teachers and staff look forward to meeting with you during conferences beginning tonight. All conferences this year will be held in teacher classrooms. Schedules will be posted outside of their doors. If you did not sign up online, please contact your teacher to see if you can be fit into their schedule or to set up a separate time to conference. Please note, from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. teachers will stop to eat supper.

**NATIVITY APPAREL:** Three additional ways to support Lynn Robertson by ordering apparel!

- **APPARELNOW:** A web based company 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" in the selection box. Selections include t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, mugs and much more. Check it out!
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS:** Has both Spirit Wear and Uniforms. They will make a donation to support Lynn Robertson. Order at: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>
- **BLOOMINGTON CUSTOM EMBROIDERY:** Will also donate a portion back from Nativity Spirit Wear orders. Visit them at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>

**NOMINATE A NATIVITY TEACHER:** Tell us why your teacher or your child's teacher is amazing, and your teacher could win \$1,000 for their own use, AND \$1,000 for their classroom! Enter:

1. Like CSCOE's Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter page.
  2. Post to or tag the page, telling us why your teacher is amazing and deserves to win.
  3. Share on all three channels for three chances to win!
- Enter until November 29th. Winner will be announced on November 30th.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (CSCOE)** – They are looking for student talent! Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? Email Melissa Hamilton to let her know if you are interested at: [melissahamilton@cscoe-mn.org](mailto:melissahamilton@cscoe-mn.org) Also, if you loved the student Mass and this impacted you, write a letter to CSCOE and drop it off at the office so that we can share it with CSCOE.



**JOIN US FOR THE PTO - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – DECEMBER 8, 2018:** Bring your friends and plan to do your Christmas shopping! Santa will be here for your family Christmas photos. A light lunch will be served. DON'T MISS THIS EVENT! If you'd like to showcase your business please email the committee at: [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org) and we will send you information.



**ART STUDENTS SHINE:** Nativity of Mary School is excited to enrich each child's experience through our new art program coordinated by Mrs. Ross. Special congratulations to three of our students who entered the Bloomington Lions' Peace Poster Contest and won top placement: Kay Marie Ross-1<sup>st</sup> Place; Lydiana High-2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Quetzalli Garza -3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

**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.

## NOV. 15: NEWSLETTER

**NOV. 15 & 19: Parent Teacher Conferences**

**NOV. 16: Donuts with Dad – Preschool event at 10 a.m.**

**NOV. 21 – 23: Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL**

**NOV. 28 & 29 : NO PM BUS – all families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days.**

**NOV. 30: NO BUS – This is a parent drive day!**

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



**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. You are eligible to apply if: - *You will be enrolling in our Preschool for the 2019-20 school year at either the St. Edward's Campus or Nativity of Mary Campus - This will be your child's last year of preschool - You consider your family to have a middle income - You need a scholarship to help pay for your preschool tuition.*

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

**NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL IS EXPANDING ITS PRESCHOOL IN 2019:** Nativity of Mary School and the Church of St. Edward have teamed up to open a Catholic preschool in West Bloomington at the Church of St. Edward. We will offer the same focus on excellence with a West Bloomington address. The first preschool class will begin September 2019. Please help us share this great news throughout the community. **An Open House is planned for January 13, 2019.**

**CAREERS WITH NATIVITY:** If you are interested in working at Nativity of Mary School we have the following openings. Information about each position is posted online with the Archdiocese at: <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- Maintenance and Custodian Positions
- Early Childhood Preschool Director/Teacher (St. Edward's Campus)

**KUDOS:**

- **Veterans Day Program:** Thanks to Mrs. Steffens and Mrs. Hagerty for coordinating our Veterans Day program
- **Rally for Robertson Fun Run:** Thank you to our teachers for coordinating this event and to our families for participating and sending in donations. To date we have raised nearly \$3,500 in donations!
- **52 Club Winners:** Chad Blake - \$100 winner!

**REMINDERS:**

- **NOV. 28 & 29: NO PM BUS** –All families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days.
- **NOV. 30: NO BUSES TODAY!** Please plan to drop off your children and pick them up, there are no Bloomington buses all day.

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



**LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!** Would you consider hosting a student from Korea for the Spring semester? Your family receives funds when you host a student. They attend school here at Nativity. Families who have hosted find that their hearts are changed forever! Consider hosting and call to learn more at KOAM – 651.300.2380 or 800.521.6640.



**BENILDE-ST. MARGARET - HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT – Nov. 17, 2018: Start your shopping early!** Come to Benilde-St. Margaret's and shop over 60 merchants from 10 – 3 p.m. The event is free; however, you can purchase a VIP wristband to receive exclusive offerings.

**LUNCH UPDATES:** **Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches will end:** Due to changes and requirements, we will not be able to continue offering the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches as an alternate meal. Please note this for the remaining November Lunch Calendar.

**Do you know how to put money into your child's lunch account?** Go to Educate.com and log in. Forgot your login? Call the school office or email Wanda Hagerty and she will resend an email for you to create a new password.

**A La Carte Tickets:** For only .75, they can pick up an extra item during the lunch period. Tickets may be purchased in the morning.



**HIGHER POWERED  
LEARNING PROGRAM  
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.

**What are our BLAST teachers doing now?** This week the Notre Dame team took part in a conference call with all Minnesota schools to work together on creating environments for success.

**All Nativity Teachers?** All Nativity teachers continue to read their Growth Mindset books and are reviewing goals for November.