



Dear Nativity Families:

Welcome Back! We pray that your family enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving break. This week, our 8th Grade class served others at Operation Christmas Child by packing boxes of gifts to send overseas. On Thursday, all 3rd through 8th Grade students gathered for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare their hearts and minds for the Advent season. Please join us next week for Advent events. Starting on Monday at 9:45 a.m., we will have an Advent Service and a Nativity band concert at the MOA at 1 p.m. On Thursday, please come to our regular school Mass at 9:45 a.m. and on Friday, Adoration will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with classes going throughout the day for prayer.

NATIVITY'S IN THE SPOTLIGHT! Follow us on social media and in the news.

- **CSCOE Photos & Article:** Nativity of Mary will be featuring in next month's CSCOE Magazine. They came and took photos. Watch for this upcoming publication.
- **Nativity Marketing Video:** Nativity of Mary School marketing committee has coordinated the production of a marketing video to share the story of the Nativity difference. We hope to have a short video out in late January 2019.

NATIVITY OF MARY 52 CLUB RAFFLE WAS SENT HOME! This is our first all-school fundraiser of the year. As a family with TADS tuition, you already bought out of this fundraiser; however, the more tickets you sell now, the more tuition credit you will earn for 2019-20!

- 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.)

NATIVITY OF MARY 3rd ANNUAL APPEAL: Nativity of Mary School has invited parishioners and Nativity supporters to contribute to our Annual Fund. This is our third year reaching out for support. 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 \$34,400 toward a goal of \$85,000 by June 2019.



JOIN US FOR THE PTO - HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE – DECEMBER 8, 2018 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.): Bring your friends and plan to do your Christmas shopping! Santa will be here for your family Christmas photos. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!**



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. 29: NEWSLETTER
[Can't find your paper copy?](#)
[Click here for the entire newsletter and attachments on our website.](#)

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

DEC. 3:

- 9:45 a.m. Advent Service
- 1 p.m. Nativity Band Students at MOA!

DEC. 5: St. Nicholas visits

DEC. 6: Mass at 9:45 a.m.

DEC. 7: Spirit Wear Day!

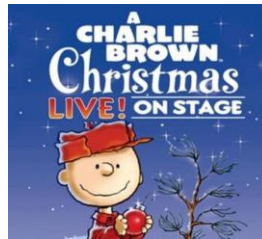
DEC. 8:

- Holiday Boutique (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Immaculate Conception Masses at Nativity

DEC. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 9:45 a.m.

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

6th GRADE CHRISTMAS PLAY: Save the Date – Wednesday, December 19th is the 6th Grade Christmas Play, “A Charlie Brown Christmas”! All family and friends are welcome to come! Show times are at 10:15 am and 1:30 pm in the Nativity Gathering Space.



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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (CSCOE): Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? Email Melissa Hamilton to let her know if you are interested in performing at a spring Talent Show at: 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.

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>

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.

KUDOS:

- **52 Club:** Lisa Hegard (11/18) & Margaret Brandt (11/25) - \$100 winners!

REMINDERS:

- **NOV. 30: NO BUSES TODAY!** Please plan to drop off your children and pick them up, there is no Bloomington buses all day.
- **APPARELNOW:** Has both Nativity of Mary Church and School logos! Visit 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 and will also support Lynn Robertson. You may order at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

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





**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? Nov. 26-30 teachers returned from Thanksgiving break and have continued to implement Blended Learning strategies in the classroom by evaluating student data and assisting students in setting personal goals each week.

All Nativity Teachers? All Nativity teachers continue to read their Growth Mindset books and are beginning the December focus – Equity and Equality.