



Dear Nativity Families:

Thank you for a wonderful Grandparents' Day-Preschool to Grade 8! We had over 300 grandparents, family members, and adults in our school last Friday honoring them for how they support our students. The band, choirs, lectors, altar servers and Mass participants shared the story of Nativity. Special thanks to the Meredith and Lauren Aune who welcomed their grandfather to share his Catholic school journey with us.

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED: Connie Dowzak, our Creative Club Director, has announced her retirement. As of January 2019, Connie will be taking time to be with her family and grandchildren. She has served Nativity in this capacity for over 27 years. We will be planning a celebration event for her, so watch for details!



FAMILY FUN FEST EVENTS – OCT. 13, 2018:
Join us this Saturday for all of the festivities!
 Visit our Family Fun Fest Web Page for details at: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/family-fun-fest.html>

Can you guess the weight of our Giant Pumpkin? Students are invited to submit their guess for the weight of our giant pumpkin! They

can submit their guess this week in the school office, so one more day! Weight will be announced prior to the end of the school day on Friday. **The winner will receive a \$200 Visa gift card!**

CALLING ALL PARENTS, FRIENDS & STAFF-to Family Fun Fest! Did you register? Can you volunteer? Are you planning to attend? Please support Nativity as we build a new fall tradition. Here is a list of the day's events:

11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- **Chili & Baking Cook Off:** Come taste the best! The first prize winner will take home \$100; the second prize winner receives \$50 and the 3rd prize winner will receive \$25.
- **Inflatables, Games, Face Painting and Pumpkin Patch:** Bring the whole family for a great day out, pick your pumpkin, busy squash and gourds, create a Scare Crow. You won't run out of things to do!

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat & Costume Contest: The best kids' costume will win 4 Nickelodeon passes valued at \$144.00 and the 2nd prize costume winner will receive 4 Black Light Golf passes located at the Mall of America!

Still time to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa9af22abf58-family>

ROBERTSON BENEFIT PLANNED: Students and families are invited to join us for a *Fun Run during the school day on November 9, 2018*. See the enclosed flier for all the details. An adult only auction and appetizers will follow in January 11 at the KC Hall of Bloomington. Support our Kindergarten teacher as she recovers with a donation, the purchase of t-shirt, and prayers.

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.

OCT. 11 - NEWSLETTER
 (No newsletter next week as it is a short week, see MEA dates below.)

OCT.11: Virtus Training at Nativity – 6:30 p.m.
 (Must sign up online)

OCT.12: Spirit Wear Day!

OCT. 13: Family Fun Fest (11 – 8 p.m.)

OCT. 15: 2nd Grade Sacrament Parent Kick-Off Meeting

OCT. 16: Meinhardt's are Principal for the Day –
Come in your favorite Pajamas or comfortable clothes!

OCT. 17-22: MEA – NO SCHOOL

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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Holiday Boutique committee is looking for vendors for our upcoming boutique on December 8th. If you'd like to showcase your business or know of someone else who may be interested in setting up shop for the day, please have them email the committee at: nompto@nativitybloomington.org and we will send you an information sheet and application.

KUDOS:

- **Positivity Project:** Congratulations to our Middle School students who were selected as representatives in the Positivity Project for showing the attribute of "Open Mindedness" – Congrats Hayley Thelen & Lyla Northup!
- **52 Club Winners:** Ernest Lampe (10/7) and Cleo Amaro-Luna (10/14)

REMINDERS:

- **Oct. 15:** Sacramental Workshop for 2nd Grade families who are having their child receive their Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation Sacraments at Nativity of Mary. (6:30 – 8 p.m.)
- **Oct. 17, 18, 19 & 22: NO SCHOOL!** Preschool to Grade 8 – please note this for your calendars. Teachers will be in workshops and attending the Minnesota Educator's Association events during these four days.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL

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Grandparents' Day



OCT. 20 – Nativity of Mary Catholic Church is hosting "The #177 Project" – an Adoration event across the nation. Plan to come to church to hear speakers, enjoy music and pray together. http://www.archspm.org/archspm_events/the-177-project/

https://s3.amazonaws.com/archspmmain/site/Events/2018/177+Project_iTickets.pdf
(Nativity Flier and Tickets)

6:45 p.m. – Rosary

7 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

8:15 p.m. – Concert- Musicians Josh Blakesley and Tom Young will be featured at this event.

LUNCH UPDATES: Have you completed your Free or Reduced Lunch application? Your family may qualify for free or reduced lunches, so please complete this form as soon as possible! Forms are available online on the lunch web page or in the school office. **PLEASE NOTE:** The first meal is free or reduced for families that qualify. After that, families must pay for second helpings or a la carte items.

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. If you reach \$100 in debt your family will be asked to bring bag lunches until money is deposited into your account.



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? Our four teachers, Ms. Hartmann, Mrs. Shulz, Miss Thorpe and Mrs. Tronnes, attended additional online training this week. They have implemented new software called iReady and Imagine Math in their classrooms and are learning on how best to use this programs to benefit students and personalize their learning.

All Nativity Teachers? All Nativity teachers met in their Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to review the September "Growth Mindset" Chapter from their Book Study. They each taught a lesson in their classrooms helping students to develop a growth mindset and set goals.