



Dear Nativity Families:

Nativity of Mary School 6th grade completed their fall overnight enrichment experience at Camp St. Croix last week. Pictured above are just two clips from this field trip. Visit our Facebook page for all of the photos! These bonding experiences increase student and teacher relationships, build friendships, and expand on both scientific and social studies curriculum. Special thanks to our Middle School teachers and parent chaperones for helping with this event.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS FRIDAY-Preschool to Grade 8! Please be sure to invite your children's grandparents or adult special friends for this Friday, Oct. 5. We will have breakfast, classroom time together, and a closing Mass with special performances by our students. The times are 9:20-9:50 A-L breakfast; M-Z classrooms. Then at 9:50 the groups switch. Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. If grandparents can't attend, parents are welcome, or other special adults that support your family. Call the office to confirm as this helps with food counts and let's teachers know who is coming. 952.881.8160.

COATS NEEDED BY OCT. 8! PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR COATS BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE. We have now several buckets and bags to bring but are happy to bring more!



FAMILY FUN FEST EVENTS – OCT. 13, 2018: 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! This will be available for your viewing next to the school door beginning Sunday, Oct. 7. Submit



your guess during the week of Oct. 8-12. Slips will be handed out at school and the drop box will be located in the school office. 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! See the flier in this week's folder. Hope to see you there! Please drop your registration in the school. Please support Nativity as we build a new fall tradition.

- **Trunk or Treat registration is still open through Monday Oct. 8th!** Go to Pinterest and come up with that winning trunk decoration! The best decorated truck will win 4 tubing passes to Buck Hill and 4 Nickelodeon passes located at the Mall of America. This is a value over \$200.00!!
- **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!.
- **Chili Cook Off:** Chili cook contest and baking contest are due this week. The first prize winner will take home \$100.00; the second prize winner receives \$50.00 and the 3rd prize winner will receive \$25.00.
- **Volunteer:** Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa9af22abf58-family>



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. 4 - NEWSLETTER

OCT.5: Grandparents Day-9:30-11:30 a.m. - (Mass at 10:30 a.m.)

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. 17-22: MEA – NO SCHOOL

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NATIVITY OF MARY STRING ENSEMBLE:

Does your child take lessons on a string instrument? Would you like them to play with other string players at Nativity? Dr. Rule will be starting Nativity's String Ensemble this fall! String ensemble practice will be before school from 8:50-9:20 in the band room on select Tuesdays, about twice a month. The dates for fall are: 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 11/27, 12/11. The Nativity String Ensemble will perform for the Nativity Christmas Concert(s) on Tuesday 12/11 and/or Tuesday 12/18, depending on players' availability. We will perform a few pieces at the Spring Band Concert on 5/22, and also in school Mass once or twice this spring (probably February and April or May). The fee to participate in the ensemble is \$15/month from October-May. Please email Dr. Rule to join! mrule@nativitybloomington.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Click here to visit our volunteer page ([CLICK](#)). **New families must attend Virtus training, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.** You must register online at VIRTUS.ORG to attend.



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: To our Kindergarten students who exhibited our first character trait in the Positivity Project – Curiosity. Congratulations to Sam Poehling and James O'Connor. They are curious about life and learning this is truly contagious! Last week we focused on team work and our Top 1st Grade Teamwork students who work as a team, were: Alejandra M., McKenzie M., Ashlyn G., and Alison H.



REMINDERS:

- **CHANGE OF END OF DAY – If you have a change to your child's end of day routine, please try to call by 1:30 p.m.** Late calls and emails can be missed, and we want keep your child safe.
- **Virtus Training for new volunteers is on Oct. 11!**

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL

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CSCOE – Looking for volunteers on Oct. 10, 2018

We are in great need of many volunteers to help make the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Oct. 10 a successful and safe event for everyone.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945afaf29a20-mass>



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



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 does this mean? Our four teachers, Ms. Hartmann, Mrs. Schulz, Miss Thorpe and Mrs. Tronnes, are being trained this year in the implementation of new software, group instruction, and personalized enrichment.

What will this look like for all students this year? In our first year, all staff are studying the "Growth Mindset" and evaluating their classrooms, how they teach, and helping students set individualized goals. As parents, we invite you to look into how this will benefit your child. Visit the Notre Dame website at: <https://ace.nd.edu/blog/ace-academies>. We will share updates throughout the program as we roll it out over the next three years.