



Dear Nativity Families:

April fooled us with another major snow storm! We hope your family was safe yesterday and listening to the howling wind. This Saturday we look forward to our largest fundraiser of the year! We hope you are able to join us. If you have not reserved your ticket for the evenings' activities, call the office or plan to come Saturday evening. We will have extra table seats available and you won't want to miss the fun. We are still accepting volunteers, sign up below or just come and say you are here to help. The more help we have the more successful this fundraiser will be! In addition, don't forget to bid online. The link to live bidding opens Saturday evening and you can bid even if you are not at the event: <https://nativity19.givesmart.com/>

SPIRIT OF SPRING–Denim & Diamonds Event–Saturday, April 13 (6 to 11 p.m.)

- **RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE!** Tickets went home before break. Fill them out and return them - you already bought out! THEY ARE DUE FRIDAY! (If you forgot, please bring them to the event on Saturday.)
- **VOLUNTEER:** We need over 50 volunteers to make this event a success! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA9AF22ABF58-spirit>
- **FUND-A-NEED:** Each year we invite our supporters to fund a special need at Nativity. This year, we are asking for your support to help purchase interactive boards for our classrooms. The original units in the classrooms are beginning to fail and need to be replaced. Your gift to this effort is critical. If you wish to donate, but are not attending, please go online and make a gift to the Annual Fund-A-Need or Spirit of Spring: [Fund-A-Need/SOS Gift](#) (click)



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.

APRIL 12: NEWSLETTER
[Can't find your paper copy?](#)
[Click here for attachments on our school website.](#)

APRIL 13: Spirit of Spring-Denim & Diamonds Event!

APRIL 16: PTO Meeting – 7 p.m.

APRIL 19 & 22: NO SCHOOL – BLESSED EASTER!

APRIL 29: MAP Testing K-8 Begins this week – May 10.

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

Come Join Us for a Night of Lively Entertainment and Delicious Food!

SATURDAY

April
13th

from 6PM-11PM

Nativity of Mary School
9900 Lyndale Ave. S.
Bloomington, MN 55420

ROCK IT MAN ENTERTAINMENT
Piano Show

D. FONG'S

\$30 per ticket in advance, \$35 per ticket at the door
(Ticket includes appetizers, one drink, entertainment, games and prizes)

To get your advanced ticket visit:
<http://school.nativitybloomington.org/>
 or call: 952-881-8160

CREATIVE CLUB SUMMER SIGN UP IS OPEN: PREK-Grade 6! Creative Clubhouse has extended their deadline for summer sign up to **April 15**. The sign up form is online at: [Creative Summer Sign Up](#)

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>

HELP THE PTO RAISE \$5,000 FOR NATIVITY:

Volunteers are needed to work at CSCOE's (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence) BASH. The BASH is their big fundraiser for the year. In exchange for helping, CSCOE will give the Nativity PTO at \$5,000 grant. This would be a huge boost to our budget! The event will be held the weekend of May 10th and 11th. We have around 40 volunteer spots to fill over the course of these two days. **WE NEED TO FILL THESE SPOTS!!** Please go to the sign up If you have questions, please contact Kate Barkow at nompto@nativitybloomington.org. Thank you for being generous with your time and supporting the PTO.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-help>

PTO MEETING-April 16: Please join us at our April PTO meeting next Tuesday April 16th. It's that time already to be wrapping up the plans for the end of the year. The meeting begins at 7:00. On the agenda is discussion about PTO board positions for next year, teacher appreciation plans, Holistic breakfast and our year end Field day!

RECESS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We could really use your help on the playground this spring. Sign up to volunteer online at [RECESS](#) or email Laura Millenacker at: lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org.

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS & SERVICE PROJECTS:

- **TAB COLLECTION:** Thanks for supporting our Pennies for Patients and TAB collection programs as part of our "alms giving" for Lent. Keep collecting pop tabs, too!
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. To date we have raised \$51,331. Thank you for your support. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

KUDOS:

- **8th Grade Students on their Shark Tank Presentations!** Thanks Mrs. Rivera for bringing this unique project to our school.

PRAY WITH US: Please join us in praying for families who have lost a loved one, especially Deacon Jim's family.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

8th GRADE EVENT DATES: Join Nativity & St. Bonaventure for upcoming Youth events on – "Guys Night" – April 12th & May 17th – 6:30-8:30 (St. Boni's Youth Room); "Ladies Night" – April 30th & May 21st.

SUMMER CAMPS:

- **Holy Angels:** <https://www.academyofholyanagels.org/news-and-events/summer-experience.html>
- **BSM Summer Camp 2019 Registration is Now Open!** <https://www.bsmschool.org/summer-camps>
- **St Thomas Academy Summer Camps:** cadets.com/summer



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

[RECESS](#)



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HIGHER POWERED 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.

Mrs. Reeder and the BLAST teachers attended an all day training with the University of Notre Dame. This training helps to prepare our teachers to role out year two where all of our teachers will be implementing the Blended Learning strategies.

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