



## News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

**Welcome Back!** Nativity students had an exciting week exploring new STEM opportunities through Virtual Reality Field Trips and coding with the Finch Robots. It was a wonderful way to welcome students back after break and to help engage them in hands-on learning experiences. All of our students, Preschool to Grade 8 experienced some of these creative STEM lessons.

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

- **DID YOU RESERVE YOUR SEATING FOR SPIRIT OF SPRING?** Please plan to come for all the fun! Call or send in your form to confirm attendance. ALSO – Did you know it helps when you purchase your Silent or Live Auction items by check? Nativity is charged a 3% fee if you pay by credit card, so bring a check!
- **SELL YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS & ORDER MORE!** Tickets went home before break. Fill them out and return them to the office- you already bought out! If you want more, let us know!
- **VOLUNTEER:** We need over 50 volunteers to make this event a success! Please sign up to help!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA9AF22ABF58-spirit>
- **DID YOU DROP OFF GIFT CARDS, A BASKET OR SPONSOR?** We need these no later than Friday, April 5! Thanks for supporting this event.

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

SATURDAY

*April*  
**13<sup>th</sup>**  
*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

**DID YOU APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID? It is due this Friday-April 5:** Unfortunately, if you didn't apply yet, you have already missed the first Aim Higher round of scholarships; however, you are still eligible for other Foundation scholarships and Nativity awards. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY AWARD, you must apply for aid! Please complete your TADS Financial Aid registration form by April 5, 2019. ([TADS Financial Aid Application](#))



**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 4: NEWSLETTER

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

**APRIL 5: PTO Coffee in the Morning!**

TADS Financial Aid  
Deadline

- Spirit Wear Day!

**APRIL 12: Adoration 8:30 – 2 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Living Stations – 3 p.m.**

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

**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 \(Click\)](#)

**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>
- **TADS 2019-20-April 5:** Complete your TADS Financial Aid registration form by April 5, 2019. ([TADS Financial Aid Application](#))

**NEW STUDENTS for 2019-20:** For current families, TADS does a rollover, but your child may not have ended up in the appropriate grade, so please login to check. You can edit by clicking on the grade. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall to preschool or kindergarten, please register them online! [Click to register](#)

**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](mailto:lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org).

### **NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS & VOLUNTEER SERVICE:**

- **PENNIES FOR PATIENTS & TAB COLLECTION:** Thanks for supporting our Pennies for Patients and TAB collection programs as part of our “alms giving” for Lent. The “Saves for Cancer” was a great success this week. Please remember to bring in your final pennies and donations after spring break. Keep collecting pop tabs, too!
- **52 Club Raffle:** The winner this week is Dean Springer – 3/24/19 - \$100.
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. To date we have raised \$51,331. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

### **KUDOS:**

- **Spirit of Spring Committee** – for all of the hard work they are doing in creating an AWESOME EVENT! Don't miss it next Saturday, April 13.

**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](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)

**JOIN US FOR JEFFERSON SHOW CHOIR SHOWCASE** – Featuring Nativity Alumni! April 5 & 6 – 7 p.m. at Jefferson High School.

**JOIN US FOR THE AHA Musical** – Sister Act – April 5, 6 & 7 – at Holy Angels featuring Nativity alumni.

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

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

This week everyone did STEM opportunities with their students including the Virtual Reality experiences and coding with the Finch Robots.

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