



Dear Nativity Families:

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR OUR KICK OFF TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK! We will begin by assisting at the Nativity of Mary Church 10:30 a.m. Mass. Students are invited to come dressed in their uniform, sing, assist with the Mass (a sign up did go home) and enjoy the activities planned for after Mass. Here is a list of the many activities available for your family to enjoy while you take a break from the cold winter weather!

- We will have Super Girl & Batman here for photo opportunities.
- Meet critters from around the world and explore the Middle School Science Fair.
- Get your face painted and shop the Book Fair!
- Visit with teachers and the various activities in each classroom.

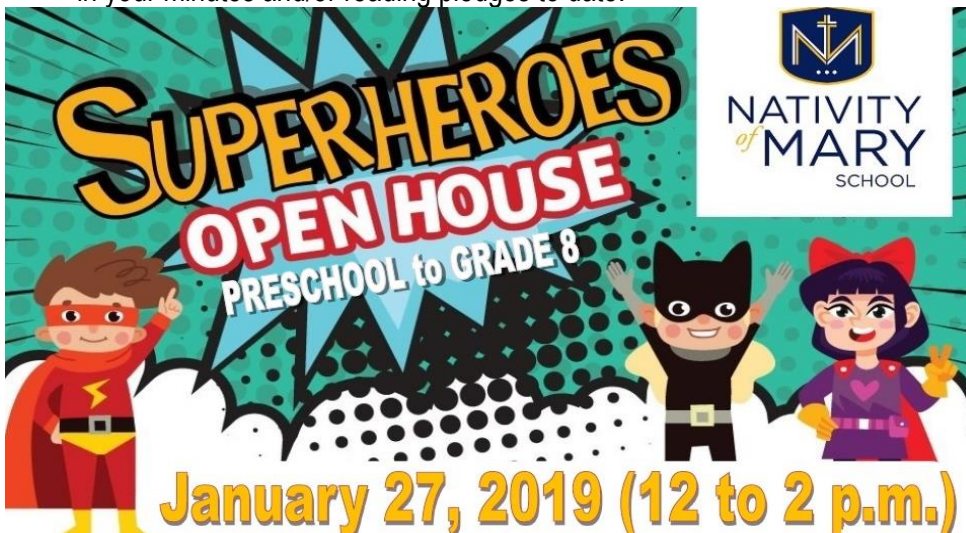
BOOK FAIR BEGINS SUNDAY! Scholastic's "Dino-mite" Book Fair is coming to Nativity. Shop from 8:30 am-1:30 pm this Sunday, or during school hours Monday through Thursday. On Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 9:30 am join us for donuts and book browsing with your parents, grandparents or friends. Can't make it to the Book Fair? Shop online through February 9th at; <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/nativityofmary>

Love books? Want a fun volunteer opportunity? Sign up to help at our Book Fair. Click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aafae22a02-nativity4>

THE NATIVITY READ-A-THON CONTINUES! Thanks to our Read-A-Thon committee, we have prize buckets in classrooms and tents set up around the school as we enjoy "Camp Read-A-Lot!" They've also coordinated a dine out event and turn in days, see the dates below:



- **DQ DINE OUT NIGHT-THURS., JAN. 24:** Join us at DQ off of Lyndale in Bloomington from 4 – 7 p.m.. We receive 10%!
- **FRI., JAN. 25: Read-A-Thon turn in day!** Come dressed as a camper and turn in your minutes and/or reading pledges to date!



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.

JAN. 24: NEWSLETTER

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

JAN. 24: Dine Out Night at DQ off of Lyndale! 4-7

JAN. 25: Read-A-Thon Turn in Day! COME DRESSED AS A CAMPER (Out-of-uniform)

JAN. 27: Open House- Noon to 2 p.m. & BOOK FAIR (8:30-4 p.m.)

Jan. 31st: PTO Coffee at Morning Drop Off
- Men's Club
Dodgeball Event

FEB. 1: NO SCHOOL (Teacher workshop)

JOIN US ON:
[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)
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REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 IS OPEN: We are honored to partner with you for the education of your child(ren). We recognize that you make the commitment and sacrifice to send your child(ren) to Nativity for a Catholic education. We thank you for your trust. Please watch for a tuition update by next week.

NATIVITY K-8 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - DUE FEB. 17:

Complete your TADS financial aid forms by February 17, 2019 in order to be eligible for the largest scholarships through Aim Higher, Catholic Services Appeal and the Catholic Community Foundation. Apply online at TADS. Login or create an account at: <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx?fa=1&lang=en>

K-7 FAMILIES- TADS AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT: Automatic enrollment. What will this look like?

- **Current Families - Registration for Preschool-8th Grades:** *If your child is currently in Preschool to 7th grade, they were automatically enrolled for the new school year. If your family is not planning to return, please email or call the office at 952.881.8160.*
- **New - Preschool & Kindergarten 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 and change. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall, please register them online! ([Click to register](#))*
- **Preschool & Bus Stop at St. Edwards:** *We plan to have a bus stop at the St. Edward's for older students to ride over to Nativity. Details coming this spring.*
- **COMING THIS SUMMER-Preschool Summer Care!** *We are extending our Creative Clubhouse program to include preschool. Details coming home soon!*

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>

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **52 Club Raffle:** Winners! \$200-Mark/Peg Backes 1-6; \$100 Welly/Dana Chou-1-13; \$100 Debbie Walker 1-20;\$100 Nelson Precision 1-27.
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. Our goal this year is \$85,000. To date we have raised \$50,760. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

VIRTUS TRAINING IN FEBRUARY: Do you plan to volunteer but haven't attended a Virtus session? St. John the Baptist in Jordan just added one for February 13th at 6 p.m. It is open to anyone to register at virtusonline.org.

NATIVITY NEEDS YOU! We have some open positions, join our team!

- **Marketing/Communications Coordinator** (Temporary, part time 8 – 10 hours a week through December 2019)
- **Preschool Director** (Located at the Church of St. Edward)
See the Archdiocese for full posting at: <http://careers.archspm.org/>

KUDOS: Thanks to all of our staff and families who supported Lynn Robertson at our "Rally for Robertson" event. Thank you!

REMINDERS:

- **No school on Friday, Feb. 1 – Preschool to Grade 8 (Workshop Day)**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please join us in praying for the Sherden and Sullivan families.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



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. 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.

BLAST Teachers – Planned for the Teacher Workshop presentation that will be held on February 1st.

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS – All teachers will continue to read "The Growth Mindset" focusing on the January chapter, feedback and reflections.