



## News & Notes

**Dear Parents,**

Parish leadership, including the two of us, the Finance Council and our two trustees, have been reviewing school staffing for the next school year in order to address the future finances of the school. No final determinations have been made at this time. Please be assured both of us value the school as a critical ministry of the parish. We are working together to make certain the school continues to thrive in the future. We look forward to updating parents through meetings with parish and school leadership after Spring Break. May God continue to bless each of you and Nativity of Mary School.

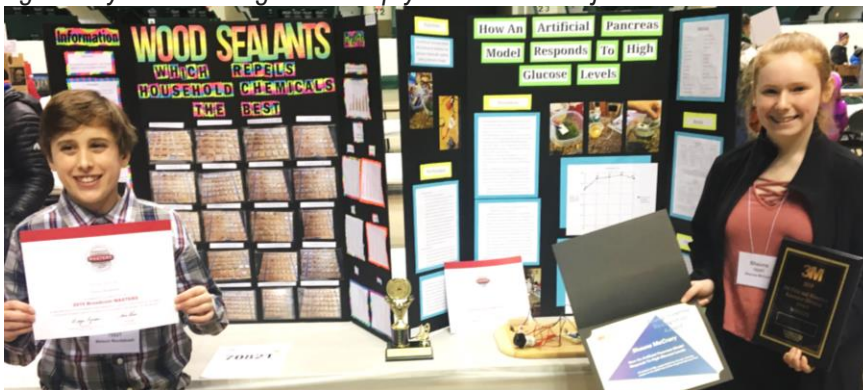
**-Father Gjengdahl and Mrs. Reeder**

**Dear Nativity Families:**

**Thank you for joining us for parent/teacher conferences this past Thursday and Friday.** Our teachers value your partnership and thank you for your feedback as we strive to help your child grow in body, mind and spirit. Over the past few weeks students have celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> days and attended various enrichment activities and field trips. We look forward to a Trimester 2 celebration event and an enriching final Trimester.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 15-Men's Club 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival (4-9 p.m.)**
- **April 13<sup>th</sup> Spirit of Spring Event "Denim & Diamonds!" (6 – 11 p.m.) – Join us for a night out you won't forget. Jazz up your denim and join the fun.**



**MINNESOTA SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS:** Nativity of Mary School 7th grade students won top placement at the Regional Twin Cities Science Fair! Congratulations to Shauna McCrory and Maison Roudabush who took home the following awards:

- *1st place in their respective categories-Selected to compete at the Minnesota Academy of Science State Science and Engineering Fair (March 30th and 31st)*
- *Nominated to compete in the 2019 Broadcast Masters, as they were rated to be in the top 10% of middle school science fair participants in the nation.*

**Shauna McCrory also won two additional awards from 3M.** She received the 2019 3M Film and Materials Resource Division Award and the Young Inventor Recognition Award. She is invited to present her science fair project at the 3M Corporate Headquarters this spring.



**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.

### MARCH 14: NEWSLETTER

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**MARCH 15: Men's Club Fish Fry (4- 9 p.m.)**

**MARCH 15: Come in Green! Out-of-uniform day.**

- Adoration 8:30-2 p.m.  
 - Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.-4th Grade

**MARCH 25-29: Spring Break**

**APRIL 5: TADS Financial Aid Deadline**

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

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**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:** You have missed the first Aim Higher round of scholarships; however, you are still eligible for other Foundation scholarships and Nativity awards if you complete your TADS Financial Aid registration form by April 5, 2019. Follow this link:

**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](#))

### **NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:**

- **52 Club Raffle:** The winner this week is Jessica Keehan & Rosie Pfarr-Baker-\$100 each, March 10 & March 17, 2019.
- **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:**

- **Chad Huset** for planning, funding and coordinating our first ever Homecoming Event! Thanks to our coaches, parents and students who helped celebrate and assisted with the activities.
- **Parents** - for the wonderful food during conferences, thank you!
- **Men's Club** – for your work this past weekend on various projects around the school. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION & TIME!**

**PRAY WITH US:** Please join us in praying for a fulfilling Lenten season.

**Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL** [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)

**MEN'S CLUB: Nativity Fish Fry-Friday, March 15 (4-9 p.m.)** This Friday the Nativity Men's Club presents the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival. Invite your friends and family to come for great food, a meat raffle, free movie, kid games and more! Turn in any unsold fish fry tickets to the school office in order to be eligible for the out-of-uniform passes and other prizes. THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A "can't miss" event!

**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>; YOUTH ALIVE – Nativity Creative Clubhouse, March 22 (6-8 p.m.)

### **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>



### **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.

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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.

**BLAST Teachers** – The University of Notre Dame had a team meeting online to discuss winter results and set goals.

**NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS** – All teachers met in their PLC to review the March "Growth Mindset" focus.

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