



News & Notes

Dear Nativity Families:

Spring at Nativity highlights student achievement in body, mind and spirit. I love attending the concerts, plays, and events as each child shares their gifts with confidence. Thank you for encouraging your child!

TEACHERS FOR 2019-20: **Preschool**-Olivia Sage & Theresa Rynda, Patty Meyer & Lekshmy, and Lisa Hegard & Ana Montano; **Kindergarten**-Ms. Headington & Mrs. Daggett; **1st Grade** – Mrs. Duerr & Mrs. Bartz; **2nd Grade** – Ms. Thorpe; **3rd Grade** – Ms. Hartmann; **4th Grade** – Mrs. Shultz; **5th Grade** – Mr. Long & Mrs. Long; **Middle School** - Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Millenacker, Mr. Gargaro and Mrs. Tronnes. We will be hiring a Language Arts teacher. **Specialists: Music** (hiring); **Band:** Marie Rule **Physical Education** – Mrs. Steffens; **Art** – Mrs. Ross; **Counselors** - Mrs. Virnig & Mrs. Cooley; **Learning Resource Teacher** - Mrs. Thornton. **Library** - Mrs. Riley continues to volunteer - but we are looking for someone to help as this is her last year! **Teaching Assistants** - We will be hiring teaching assistants for Nativity. Watch for details next week if you are interested.

In addition, please welcome Erin Wee. She is our part-time marketing and admissions coordinator and will be working about 8 hours a week to promote our school and offer tours and special events for potential new families.

TADS TUITION AGREEMENTS: Watch your email to set up your TADS tuition account for the 2019-20 school year. Please be sure to set up your payment plans by June 5. We will also be adding your Scrip and fundraising credits that you earned this year to your September invoice as a credit. Thanks for helping our school meet our fundraising goals! If you have any questions, need additional financial assistance, or support setting your agreement up, please call the school at 952.881.8160 or send an email.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC! All of our 5-8th grade students shared their musical gifts at the Spring concerts this week. The choir took us on a journey back in time while the bells chimed in perfect harmony. The band concert also featured our new string ensemble and the week ended with a piano recital. The amazing gifts and talents of our students are only possible thanks to the teacher who give so much of their time to ensure that your child succeeds. Thank you to Ms. Shukle, Dr. Rule and Mrs. Bergquist!

4TH GRADE TRAVELED TO 42 STATES! The 4th grade parade was a highlight of learning for our students. A great way to celebrate and share what they had learned, once again – a Nativity tradition!

YEARBOOKS ARE IN! If you forgot to order your yearbook, please stop in the office or send \$16 to the office with your child’s name on the envelope. QUANTITIES LIMITED.

PLEASE NOTE: School Breakfast and Lunch end on May 31st. Please plan to send a breakfast and lunch to school on June 3, 4 and 5th.



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.

MAY 23: NEWSLETTER

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NO SCHOOL – May 27:
Happy Memorial Day!

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATIONS:
 May 30th & 31st

JUNE 3-4-5: NO HOT LUNCH OR BREAKFAST!

JUNE 5: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- 8th Grade
 Graduation Mass-
 6:30 p.m.

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[SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)
[INSTAGRAM \(Click\)](#)
[FACEBOOK \(Click\)](#)

NATIVITY FIELD DAY 2019 - Wednesday, June 5th: The end of the school year is almost here!! Come join your kids and the staff for a fun afternoon to celebrate the end of the year. A Hot Dog Lunch will be sponsored by the Nativity Mens' Club and the PTO. Please send a bag lunch if your child will not be eating the food provided. Help is needed to set up, run events, hand out treats and clean up. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8A728A4FA7-field> or return the flyer in the communication folder.



AIM HIGHER FOUNDATION OFFERS NEW SCHOLARSHIPS: Go to TADS.com and log into your financial aid screen or apply. Then:

- 1) Click the green "Add School or Scholarship Button) Yes
- 2) Type "Aim Higher" - in the search area
- 3) Click and select the "Aim Higher"
- 4) Select which student or students you want to apply for the aide
- 5) Click - "Submit"

NATIVITY CREATIVE CLUBHOUSE SUMMER JOBS! Email Cindy Keogh if you are interested in being a teacher or an aide for Creative this summer, or all year long. ckeogh@nativitybloomington.org

SUMMER TUTORING: If you are interested, here is contact information:

- Megan Thorpe (K-3): mthorpe@nativitybloomington.org
- Rita Duerr (K-8): Call 952.881.8160 ext.#102
- Kelly Headington (K-5): kheadington@nativitybloomington.org
- **INTERESTED IN A MATH TUTOR THIS SUMMER?** Rachel Larson is a Nativity of Mary Alum and will be a senior at Academy of Holy Angels. Contact her at 952-484-4765.

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS UPDATES:

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Christina Schumacher-\$100 winner.
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund is an important way to support our school. To date we have raised \$55,976 toward our goal of \$70,000. If you can donate, or an extended family member, please consider a gift. Click to: [DONATE](#)

MENTORS NEEDED FOR 2019-20: We are in need of current families to mentor the new families coming to our community next year. The mentor time commitment is small, but makes a huge difference. Please see the flyer in the communication folder or contact Kate Barkow at nompto@nativitybloomington.org to help with this important service.

PRAY WITH US: Pray for our families, our staff, Cindy Keogh's husband (Creative Club Director) and Father Nels Gjengdahl and Father Nathan LaLiberte this spring.

Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

SUMMER CAMPS:

- **Holy Angels:** <https://www.academyofholyanngels.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
- **Catholic Youth Camp:** Go learn more about this great camp opportunity at www.cycamp.org



LUNCH UPDATES

LUNCH BALANCES: Please make sure you are paid up before our school year ends!



VOLUNTEERS

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



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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 our BLAST Team had a meeting with the University of Notre Dame staff.

All Nativity staff met in their PLC groups to discuss the April and May chapters in "Growth Mindset."

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