




December 1, 2016

## *Building Spirituality*

Dear Nativity Families:

**Advent began this week at Nativity of Mary School with reflection, reconciliation, and prayer.** Students gathered for our Advent prayer service, attended reconciliation, and took time for prayer during Adoration. We invite you to join us to celebrate the Advent Season. An Advent calendar was sent home in last Thursday's folder and is linked on our website ([Calendar](#)). We also have several concerts, Mass, and Friday Adoration. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Advent events and service projects!

 **Nov. 28-Dec. 12: Nativity Student Leadership is collecting toys, socks and gift cards** for St. Vincent de Paul and the Sisters of Visitation. Help us fill our giant stocking and gym with gifts for others! (See enclosed flier)

 **Tuesday, Dec. 6:** Christmas Concert 6-8 at 7 p.m.

 **Thursday, Dec. 8:** Immaculate Conception Mass 9:45 a.m.

 **Friday, Dec. 9:** PTO Christmas Event (See details below)

 **Monday, Dec. 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 9:45 a.m.

 **Tuesday, Dec. 13:** Christmas Concert K-5 at 7 p.m.

 **Friday, Dec. 16:** Christmas parties and events  
9:40-10:15 a.m. – Celebration Event - if we make our goal!  
10:30-11:10 a.m. – 6th Grade Play  
11:20-1 p.m. – Lunch, normal schedule  
1:15-1:50 - 6th Grade Play  
1:15 - 3:30 p.m. – Classroom parties, times vary, see your teacher  
3:30-3:45 p.m. – Christmas Sing Along!

**END OF 1<sup>st</sup> TRIMESTER:** This Friday is the end of our first Trimester. We thank you for meeting with us during conferences to ensure that your child is challenged and supported as part of our commitment to academic excellence. Our Report Cards will be sent home next week in the Communication Folder. We look forward to a rich educational experience with you this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers or staff with any questions.

**READ-A-THON FINAL:** Thank you for supporting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Read-A-Thon! We are tallying the reading minutes and pledge totals this week. We will have final results by Monday to share. Thank you for encouraging reading at home and calling family and friends to support our fundraising goal. All prizes will be sent home next Thursday in the Communication Folder, Dec. 8, 2016 and we will have an announcement this Friday.



**NATIVITY PTO–Friday, Dec. 9 (6:30-8:30 p.m.):** Join us at our first Nativity PTO Holiday Wine & Cheese social. This is a great opportunity to meet with other Nativity parents! Learn about volunteer needs and do some Christmas shopping! There will be vendors with gifts, including: *Thirty One, Mary Kay and Lularoe*, just to mention a few. **Please join us at this free, fun, PTO event in the Gathering Space!**

*(Community News on the Back of this Newsletter)*

# News & Notes



NATIVITY  
of MARY  
SCHOOL

**Dec. 1: Reconciliation  
for 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Dec. 2: PARENT DRIVE  
DAY!** Please note, there  
are no busses today. All  
students must be  
dropped off.

**Dec. 6: 7 p.m.-Christmas  
Concert – 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Dec. 8: 9:45 a.m.  
Immaculate Conception  
Mass**

**Dec. 9: PTO Christmas  
Event**

**Dec. 12: 9:45 a.m. Our  
Lady of Guadalupe Mass**

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**Mission Statement:** Nativity of Mary School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING! Only 24 shopping days until Christmas! Shop with Nativity for great gifts!**

- **SCRIP GIFT CARDS!** This is a great time to order your gift cards to help you reach your fundraising goal. We're enclosing an order form to make your gift shopping easy! **ORDERS ARE NEEDED BY: Dec. 13, 2016** to be sent home in the Communication Folder on Thursday, Dec. 15 or picked up in the office by Dec. 16, 2016.
- **AMAZON:** Order at [smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0735359](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0735359) and Amazon **donates** to Nativity of Mary Catholic School. REMEMBER – You can pre-order your Amazon Scrip Gift cards before you shop!
- **SPIRIT WEAR:** Order spirit wear as a gift, here is the link for ordering online, and this link is always on our website: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/uniform--spirit-wear.html>

**REMINDERS:**

- **This Friday, Dec. 2, is a Parent Drive Day!** What does that mean? The public schools of Bloomington do not have school; therefore, there are not any busses. **ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF & PICKED UP AT SCHOOL.** If your family is not able to attend school due to this, please notify the office.
- **Christmas Concerts Begin!** 🎵🎵🎵 **Middle School's concert is on Tues., Dec. 6th at 7 p.m.** Students should meet in the gathering space at 6:40 p.m. for check in. Students should be dressed in nice church clothes, no blue jeans. The K-5 Concert is on Tues., Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Students should arrive at 6:40 to get to their places for the concert. For the K-5 concert, it is best to arrive at the Gathering Space doors to find your place for check in. Students should wear nice church clothes, no blue jeans. These concerts are required as part of the music grade, so it is important for your child to be there. Please contact me at [eshukle@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:eshukle@nativitybloomington.org) or 952-881-8160 ext. 210 if you have any questions or if you have a conflict.-Miss Shukle

**KUDOS:**

**Mrs. Millenacker and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class** - who coordinated the Shoe Box drive to support children in need through "Operation Christmas Child." Thank you also to our parent chaperones!

**PRAYERS:** Families with health concerns, healing for our parents and students who are sick or suffering with infection and disease, spiritual growth for Advent, and for our newly elected officials of our State and Nation.

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



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Saturday, December 3, 9:00am–3:00pm**

**Start your holidays in style at Pax Christi's Annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale!** This shopping extravaganza is for the whole family. This event is free and there is plenty of parking available. Don't miss out on this Annual Holiday Boutique!

**Giving Children HOPE**  
**TOY DRIVE**



**Nativity of Mary School - Student Leadership Advent Project**

