



December 8, 2016

Discovering Talents

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy 2nd Week of Advent. Students gathered for our Primary Advent prayer service, celebrated with song at our Middle School Concert, and spent time in their rooms praying and remembering to be kind. We celebrated the Feast day of Saint Nicholas with a visit and candy canes. We invite you to join us to celebrate the Advent Season at these events:

🎄 **Nov. 28-Dec. 16: Nativity Student Leadership is collecting toys, socks and gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul and the Sisters of Visitation.**

🎄 **Friday, Dec. 9:**

11:30 a.m.-6th Grade Field Trip

2:30 p.m. - 7th Grade Gingerbread House Event

6:30-8:30 p.m. - PTO Christmas Event (See details below)

🎄 **Monday, Dec. 12:**

9 a.m. – Bloomington Police officers greeting students

9:45 a.m. - **Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** (Some of our Mass will be in Spanish as we celebrate this special Feast Day!)

3:30 p.m. – Math Meet

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

🎄 **Wednesday, Dec. 14:** 9:15 a.m. – Bus Driver breakfast

🎄 **Thursday, Dec. 15:** Kindergarten Los Posados programs, 10:30 & 2 p.m.

🎄 **Friday, Dec. 16:** Christmas events (OUT-OF-UNIFORM! Wear red or green!)

10:30-11:10 a.m. – 6th Grade Play

11:15 – Preschool Program

1:15-1:50 - 6th Grade Play

1:15 - 3:30 p.m. – Classroom parties, times vary, see your teacher

3:15-3:45 p.m. – Christmas Sing Along!

END OF 1st TRIMESTER: The report cards are in this folder. Please do not hesitate to reach out to teachers or staff with any questions.

READ-A-THON FINAL: We are proud to announce the success of our Reading Goal as a school! Students read a total of 118,238 minutes! We did not reach our financial goal, however, but have currently raised over \$26,000 to meet our school's budgetary needs. Our goal was \$40,000. Please turn in all pledges or your buy out to help us reach this goal.

NATIVITY PTO–Friday, Dec. 9 (6:30-8:30 p.m.): Please join parents and friends this Friday at the first inaugural PTO fun, parent event. The wine and cheese social is a FREE event and will take place in the church gathering space. Are you wondering how you become a member of the PTO? Don't worry, if you're a parent of Nativity of Mary school you are already a member. You can also do some shopping, here is a list:

- Mary Kay
- Stella and Dot
- Park Lane Benz Bones
- WonderPond soaps and lotions
- Various Crafters
- Cabi
- LuLaRoe
- Norwex
- Thirty-One

Please join us (both moms and dads) for what is going to be a holly jolly evening!

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News & Notes



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Dec. 9: PTO Christmas Event 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Dec. 13: 7 p.m. K-5 Christmas Concert

Dec. 16: Last Day of School for the year! See the schedule of the day's events at the left.

Dec. 19-January 2: NO SCHOOL! School resumes Jan. 3, 2017.



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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 16 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 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:

- **Christmas Concerts Begin!** 🎵 🎵 🎵 **K-5 concert is on Tues., Dec. 13th at 7 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. 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 or 952-881-8160 ext. 210 if you have any questions or if you have a conflict. -Miss Shukle
- **LOOKING FOR A CLASSROOM RUG/CARPET!** Several of the middle school classrooms are looking for a carpet or rug for their classroom. If you have a rug or carpet to share, please email tprusha@nativitybloomington.org or lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org
- **Ski Club:** Will start in January. Watch for information next week.
- **Student Talent Show:** Sign up coming home today for the show during Catholic Schools' Week!

KUDOS:

- Thank you to Mr. Millenacker for visiting us on St. Nicholas Day!
- Thanks to Emma Shukle & Dr. Marie Rule for a beautiful Middle School Concert.

PRAYERS: For families to be enriched this Advent season, for those who are in need at Advent, and for the homeless.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

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Nativity of Mary School - Student Leadership Advent Project

