



**NATIVITY EVENTS**

**May 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ihduhapi Camp

**May 20:**

- Field Trips: Prek; K; 2 & 3

**May 23: Monday**

- **SPECIAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MASS – FAMILIES INVITED!**

**May 24-27:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in Chicago

**May 25:** Daggett K Graduation 3:15 p.m.

**May 26:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade In-house Retreat
- Robertson K Graduation 3:15 p.m.

**May 30: Memorial Day**  
NO SCHOOL

**May 31: OUT-OF-UNIFORM**

- 3:15 p.m. Mile Run

**June 1: OUT-OF-UNIFORM-BRING BAG LUNCH! (No hot lunch)**

11 a.m. School Assembly  
7 p.m.-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**June 2: OUT-OF-UNIFORM-BRING BAG LUNCH! (No hot lunch)**

- Last day of school!
- 6-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- K-5 Field Day 1-3 p.m.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

**Dear Nativity Families:**

**Spring at Nativity is a culmination of celebrations.**

We rejoice in the academic growth of our students and recognize their success. We

join together in musical journeys of band, choir and our bells. We mark the graduations of our Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We recognize years of service of our staff members. Spring at Nativity truly acclaims the Nativity difference!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLISTIC AWARDS:**

This week we honored Nativity students in Middle School who received the Holistic Award. This is an academic award that recognizes students who received an A- average, participate in service and outside activities. Congratulations to this year's recipients: **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Ariel Aguirre; Tony Campion; Paige Flowers; Nuala Foley; Katrina Garlets; Yaretzi Garza; Grace Hegard; Megan Hoaglund; Gretchen Holland; Paul Kariuki; Olivia Lewis; Abby Machtig; Jamie Pineda Roldan; Ben Rollwagen; Ryley Roudabush; Naomi Shengena; Madeline Smit. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Makae Brieschke; Michael Cao; Ian Cremers; Grace Hoepner; Loured Loro; Sydney Mancini; Svetlana Miller; Emma Powers; Emma Riley; Alexa Terri. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Andy Cao; Jazzlyn Dubai; Emily Garlets; Helena Holland; Alex Knoll; Emily Koch; Rachel Larson; Nick McGrane; Ephrem Nguyen; Ashley Niola; Brooke & Kylie Reardon; Mathew Sell; Rachel Steiner; and Natalie Wheeler.

**THE ARTS SHINE AT NATIVITY:** Musical concerts continued this week with the Nativity 6-7-8 Bells Concert. The beautiful harmonies of the bells echoed in the church reflecting not only worship music, but also the spirit of some of our favorite books, including "Harry Potter" and "Beauty and the Beast."



**PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY** – All school African Mass - Monday, May 23 at 9:45. Vocalist/pianist, Othello Collins, will lead students and visitors in a special African Heritage Mass. Othello Collins is the director of the African International Choir at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in Minneapolis. In addition, he collaborated with local musicians to direct and produce two CDs, the latest, "My Living." Accompanying Mr. Collins at Mass will be percussionist Litho Louisy and background cantor, Sylria Jah. Following the Mass, Mr. Collins will act as artist in residence, working with students in Miss Shukle's class. All are welcome to Monday's African Mass at 9:45.



8<sup>th</sup> Grade



7<sup>th</sup> Grade



6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**OPEN SPOTS! Preschool to Grade 8: Preschool** still has openings, share this with your friends and family: **5 Day – two openings; 3 Day – six spots remain; 2 Day – five openings.**

**K-8:** Scholarship awards will be mailed out this week. If you have not enrolled for next year, please complete your registration. Call me with any questions or concerns.

### **IMPORTANT SPRING NOTES FROM THE NURSE – Mrs. Rodier**

**Medications and Health Care Plans for the 2016-17 School Year:** *If your child had medications or a health care plan on file with the health office, I placed paperwork for the 2016-17 school year in your communication folders this week.*

*Medication and health care plans expire at the end of every school year. Please review these forms with your child's doctor over the summer and submit by the first day of school in September.*

**Medications Need to be Picked Up by June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** *All medications need to be picked up by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we don't keep medications in the health office over the summer. I placed a permission form in your communication folder this week. This allows you to choose whether to have the medication sent home with your child on the last day of school, or for a parent to pick it up in the health office. Please return this signed form to the health office ASAP.*

**Current 6th Graders- Immunizations are Needed to Begin 7th Grade:** *I reviewed each 6th grade student immunization record and placed a summary in your communication folder this week letting you know which shots your student needs to begin 7th grade in the fall. Please let me know if you have any questions about this.*

**Current 6th Graders- Sports Physicals:** *A reminder that beginning in 7th grade a sports physical must be completed and on file with the health office for your child to participate on Nativity of Mary extracurricular sports teams. I placed a copy of the MSHSL sports physical form in your communication folders last month. Please let me know if you have questions, or need this form resent.*

**Current Preschoolers Starting Kindergarten in the Fall:** *A friendly reminder that Nativity needs a copy of your child's birth certificate, updated immunization record showing that he/she has received the kindergarten required immunizations, a completed Early Childhood Screen, and the health summary form. These forms were mailed out last month. Please let me know if you have any questions or need these forms resent. We are asking to have them turned in to the school office by June 1st. **Thank you – Mrs. Rodier***

**STUDENTS CONTINUE TO HONOR MARY:** Our morning prayer begins each day with the “Hail Mary” at school. We invite you to join us through daily reflections at the [Catholic News Agency – “Month of Mary Devotions.” \(Click for link\)](#)



**SPIRIT OF SPRING SUCCESS:** Thank you to everyone who created beautiful items for our auction, volunteered in planning this important fundraiser, or assisted at the event. We had a fantastic night and raised essential dollars for our school. **Here are our raffle winners:**

- \$2016 Cash – Liz Terrio
- \$500 Cash – Carmen Lee
- \$200 Cash – Rita Peller
- Gym Teacher for a day – Bartfield Family
- Lunch with Father Zehren & Mrs. Reeder – Riley Family
- Movie Basket – Brieschke Family
- Four Nickelodeon Tickets – Gilmore Family
- \$20 DQ Gift Cards – Rynda Family & Renstrom Family
- Five out of uniform passes – Merrill Family
- Three out of uniform passes – Brian Miller Family
- Spirit Wear Sweatshirt – Luehmann Family
- \$10 Yogurt Sundae Gift Card – Garza Family

**NATIVITY GARAGE SALE - JUNE 9-11:** Nativity 7th Graders continue to collect Garage Sale Donations for their community wide garage sale. Proceeds will help fund the 2017 class trip to Chicago. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request. All items accepted – BUT PLEASE NO: TVs, cribs, computers or car seats. Items can be dropped off in the School Office at 9901 E. Bloomington Freeway Door #14, M-F between 8:30-4:30 PM. Or call (952)881-8160.

**SUMMER CAMPS AT NATIVITY:**

- ✓ **VBS:** July 11 – 15 (Morning program, details to come!)
- ✓ **Kindergarten Camp:** July 25 – 28, 2016 (Forms will be sent to registered Kindergarten students)
- ✓ **Art Camp:** Thursday afternoons, June 16, 23, 30 and July 14, 21 & 28 from 1-3 p.m. (\$125) [Flier link](#)
- ✓ **Math Summer Camp:** Patty Meyer is offering a math camp for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math skills. Email her at: [pmeyer@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:pmeyer@nativitybloomington.org) to sign up.
- ✓ **STEM Camp:** Tuesday afternoons, June 14, 21, & 28 and July 12, 19 & 26 OR Wednesday afternoons, June 15, 22 & 29 and July 13, 20 & 27 (\$200) [Flier link](#)
- ✓ **Reading Tutoring at Nativity of Mary:** Students in grades 1-6 are needed in practicums for teachers training in the Orton-Gillingham reading approach. Practicums will take place at Nativity weekdays June 21 - June 30 from (choose one) 9:30 to 10:25 or 10:30 to 11:25. The sessions are for students struggling with reading, spelling, and writing. Sessions are open to students attending any school or who are home schooled. The fee is \$100.00. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Mrs. Duerr, [rduerr@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:rduerr@nativitybloomington.org)

**REMINDERS:**

- **Apply to be a member of the School Advisory Council – WE ARE STILL SEEKING MEMBERS:** Help our school live our mission to “foster academic excellence and spiritual growth” at Nativity. [Click for application.](#)
- **SCRIP for SPRING! Think – Dad’s and Grads!** This is a great time of year to pick up Scrip gift cards for Father’s Day, weddings, and the many graduations in June. Shop online at: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or stop in the office for your favorite gift cards! Remember, Scrip helps you reach your fundraising Scrip goal, as well as earn tuition credit once you have reached this goal!

**KUDOS:**

- **BELLS CONCERT:** Congratulations to all Nativity bells students and special thank you to Emma Shukle on a beautiful concert this week.
- **HOLISTIC VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to Kristi Rollwagen for organizing our Holistic breakfast, and to Marie Campion and Mary Koch for assisting in serving the breakfast.
- **THANK YOU!!!** Our parish Respect Life ministry gives you all a huge "Thank you" for the generosity during our Baby Shower for Life collection. Tapestry Family Services received from Nativity three mini-van loads of donated items!"

**PRAYER THOUGHT:** Prayers for families with health issues and surgeries at this time. Please pray for the safety of our students and chaperones traveling to Chicago next week.

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

**Lunchroom Volunteers:**

Mon 5/23 Rachel Stuart, Clark Flowers, Kari Guthmiller, Susy Brar  
Tues 5/24 Lydia High, Chad DePoint, Tasha Kingston, Allyson Benz  
Wed 5/25 Mary Koch, Steph Lindberg, Joan McCrory, Barb Cronin  
Thurs 5/26 Grant Parker, Kristi Reardon, Nikki Machtig, Araceli-Medina-Nunez  
Fri 5/27 Rosie Pfarr-Baker, Kathy Love, Erin Cline, Rachel Stuart

**Playground Volunteers:**

Mon 5/23	Sherry Battin
Tues 5/24	Jeff Giles
Wed 5/25	John Lako
Thurs 5/26	Jenfer Morales
Fri 5/27	Dave Nygren

**PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**CANCELLED**

**Saturday Night Alive - John Stute - Due to a few unforeseen circumstances, we are cancelling this Saturday’s event. I’m sorry if this has caused any disappointment. Be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for information on our Summer Stretch program, it’s going to be great.**

**Saint Thomas Academy Football Camp:** The Saint Thomas Academy Football Camp is designed to offer football fundamentals, game knowledge, and individual skill development for players who are between ages 9 and 13 (entering grades 4-8 in the fall). Camp dates are June 20-22, 9:00 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$70. Register online at [Cadets.com/Camps](http://Cadets.com/Camps).



**Academy of Holy Angels Spring Open House:** The Academy of Holy Angels is hosting an informal Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. We'll host a social and offer light refreshments from 5:30-6:00 p.m., then tour and present an overview of AHA, our programs and offerings (6:00-6:45). **RSVP your attendance** on our website so we can plan. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Meg Angevine, Admissions, at 612-798-0764 or [mangevine@ahastars.org](mailto:mangevine@ahastars.org)



**Jefferson High School Boys Basketball:** Parent Meeting at 7:00 pm on May 25 in the JHS Cafeteria to provide important information about the summer basketball activities and general program information. This meeting is open to all parents of current and incoming Jefferson High School boys' basketball players for the 2016/17 season.

**Reading Tutoring at Good Shepherd Catholic School in Golden Valley:** Students in grades 1-3 and 5-12 are needed in practicums for teachers training in the Orton-Gillingham reading approach. Practicums will take place at Good Shepherd weekdays July 12 - July 22 from (choose one) 9:30 to 10:25 or 10:30 to 11:25. The sessions are for students struggling with reading, spelling, and writing. Sessions are open to students attending any school or who are home schooled. The fee is \$120.00. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Mrs. Duerr. [rdurr@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:rdurr@nativitybloomington.org)