



NATIVITY EVENTS

May 24-27: 8th Grade in Chicago

May 26: Daggett K Graduation 3:15 p.m.

May 27:

- 6th 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
- Last Day for Hot Lunch

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

11 a.m. School Assembly
7 p.m.-8th Grade Graduation

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

- Last day of school!
- 6-7th 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:

Nativity spring field trips enrich student learning. From the Minnesota Zoo, to the 8th grade Chicago trip, Nativity spring field trips enrich learning in all subject areas. We thank the many parents who are able to attend these outings as field trip chaperones. These experiences truly help students understand in greater depth what they have learned this year, from animals or hands-on experiments, to the Holocaust museum in Chicago, field trips are an important part of student learning.

8th GRADE LAST MASS – It's always bittersweet when the 8th grade students arrive at Mass in their graduation gowns. We are so blessed to have been a part of their lives throughout their K-8 educational experience. For some us of, it's less than a year, for others, we've known them since they entered Kindergarten. We are proud of their success and look forward to their future. We know that they will represent Nativity well!

AFRICAN HERITAGE MASS – Our school celebrated Mass on Monday with music of African Heritage provided by Orthello Collins and his musical trio. Students also participated in a mini workshop after the Mass. We thank families for joining us for this special Mass.

GYM TEACHER FOR A DAY – Jack & Gabby were our "Gym Teachers" for a day on Monday. They won this opportunity from the Spirit of Spring student raffle.

OPEN SPOTS! Preschool to Grade 8: Preschool still has limited openings, call to learn more. **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 last 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 2nd: *All medications need to be picked up by June 2nd, 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**

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 3rd grade math skills. Email her at: 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

REMINDERS:

- **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 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!
- **BUY-IN PARTIES** – Join the fun, buy in party events can be joined only up until June 2. The buy in parties available to join went home last week in the communication folders.

Thank You!

- A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the gift for Wanda. It was wonderful to be able to thank her and acknowledge all she does for our school each day. In addition to a gift basket full of gift cards to her favorite places, the 8th grade class brought her flowers and little gifts throughout the day and treated her to lunch (away from her desk). Go to Nativity Facebook page for pictures and to read the letter the 8th grade class read to her.
- We want to thank Melissa Anderson and Molly Bellmont for their countless hours planning and preparing for the Spirit of Spring! It was another great year and we appreciate all you do for Nativity! THANK YOU!!

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Wanda Hagerty

Words cannot express how much I appreciate the thoughtfulness of my Nativity family! Flowers, Starbucks, candy, lunch and a basket of gift cards along with the beautiful letter from the 8th graders! It is a pleasure to come to work every day because of all the wonderful people who are part of the Nativity Community! Thank you to everyone for a fantastic day!

8th Graders and Parents:

Graduation is next week, Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00pm. Mass will be at Nativity of Mary Church. Reception follows mass in the school cafeteria. After the reception, students have a party until 11 PM. Permission slip to attend the party must be in the school office by Tuesday, May 31. Please note that parents must come into the school to sign out their child.

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 this week.

Prayers for Naomi Shengena's family. Her grandmother Letitia Van Benten passed away recently after a long battle with cancer.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

Lunchroom Volunteers:

Tues 5/31 Lydia High, Patti Weichselbaum, Connie Larson, Heather Bartfield

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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. rduerr@nativitybloomington.org

Robotics:

Is your child interested in Robotics? Would you like to learn more about it?

If you think you would like to be involved in robotics, or just want to know more about it, please send an email to weluvfirstrobotics@gmail.com and let us know your name, your child's name, grade level and school.

Over the summer we will send out additional information and hold a demo/sign up session. We will be working at setting up teams during the summer for next fall. There are some grants available for new teams, but we need to apply by mid-August. There are 3 levels of robotics available to Nativity students – FIRST Lego League Jr (FLL Jr) for students in K thru 3, FIRST Lego League (FLL) for students in 4 – 8, or FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for students in 6/7 thru 12.

CISTEM B (Creating and Inspiring STEM in Bloomington) is a new organization in Bloomington dedicated to starting and supporting robotics in Bloomington. We would like to see multiple robotics teams from schools in Bloomington.

If you have any questions, please call Sharon at (952) 913-7728