



NATIVITY EVENTS

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6th

May 5:

- 9:45 a.m. Mass
- 7th Grade field trip

May 6: OUT-OF-UNIFORM Friday!

7 p.m. – Peter Pan, Jr – Middle School Musical

May 7: 1 & 7 p.m. – Peter Pan, Jr – Middle School Musical

May 8: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- Nativity Piano Recital 6 & 7 p.m.

May 10: 7 p.m. – **Band Concert**

May 11: PLANT DELIVERY! Pick up your plants! 1 – 6 p.m.

May 12:

- 7 a.m. – SAC meeting
- 9:45 a.m. – MASS
- 7 p.m. – Choir Concert

May 14: SPIRIT OF SPRING ! 6:30 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:

WE THANK OUR TEACHERS! When you ask Nativity parents what they love about Nativity, they always say “Our dedicated teachers!” We have amazing teachers who support, guide, nourish and empower our students. We are so thankful to our teachers for their many ways they go above and beyond to support students, take personal time to tutor, coach, direct, lead, and teach even when school is done. Please be sure to thank our teachers!

CELEBRATING WITH GRADE 2:

Nativity 2nd grade students received the blessing of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We are proud of them and invite you to continue to pray for our students as they grow, spiritually.

MAY is the MONTH OF MARY: As we celebrate Mary and the joy of her saying “yes” to Jesus, students will be taking time this month to pray the Rosary and reflect on the role of Mary. We invite you to join us through daily reflections at from the [Catholic News Agency – “Month of Mary Devotions.” \(Click for link\)](#) Special blessings this Sunday to all of our Mothers, and the gift that you are to your children. **WE CELEBRATE YOU!**

SPACES REMAINING – 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: Thank you for calling or emailing me regarding any family changes for next year. Scholarship and tuition assistance awards will be mailed out by mid-May. If you have not enrolled for next year, please do at your earliest convenience, as we are setting our budgets for next year.

DON'T MISS THE SPRING MUSICAL-PETER PAN, Jr.: You are invited to the middle school musical this weekend featuring a trip back to childhood with Peter Pan and all his friends. This is a showcase of student musical and theatrical talents, made possible by many hands and volunteers, from teaching staff to alumni. The show will be at Friday, May 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 1 & 7 p.m. Thank you for supporting our Nativity Middle School students. (The show will be in the gymnasium.)



SPIRIT OF SPRING: SPIRIT OF SPRING-URGENT!! We are getting very close to our biggest school fundraiser, Spirit of Spring on Saturday May 14th at 6:30p.m. Don't forget to register for the event by May 9th so you can get in on the \$30 ticket price. After May 9th the price increases to \$40. **Also, all donations are due to the office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 6th!** Lastly, if you haven't turned in your Adult Raffle Tickets (\$10 each) and Kid's Raffle Tickets (\$3 each) please make sure to have them turned in NO LATER than Friday May 13th at 3pm! We will be holding the Kid's raffle drawing on Friday May 13th right before the end of the school day! The adult raffle will be held on the evening of the event. Also, as a fun perk this year all the grades will get to walk through the gym starting at 3pm on Friday May 13th so they can get a sneak peak at all the auction items and the beautiful décor we will have for our Alice and Wonderland Themed event.



LAST BUT NOT LEAST- Mobile Online bidding will open the afternoon of Friday the 6th so make sure to look for a message via text, phone or email so you can get a jump start on bidding! You can always check out our Spirit of Spring website for more information. Just click on the Spirit of Spring link from the school's main home page online or click here now: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2016.html> or nativityspiritofspring@gmail.com.

PIANO RECITAL: Nativity students will be performing in their Spring Piano recital this Sunday, May 8th in Nativity of Mary Church. There are two recitals. The first starting at 6:00 pm and the second at 7:00 pm. Please enter at door #9 on the South side. The 7:00 pm recital will have David Tran performing his last recital at Nativity. It will be an evening of wonderful music.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CONCERTS: The Spring Concerts are fast approaching and the end of the school year is near! Hard to believe! Here are some important things to know for the Spring Choir and Bell Concerts:

- **The spring choir concert is Thursday, May 12th at 7 pm** in the cafeteria. Students should arrive by 6:40 to check in and get ready. Choir students should also wear nice spring clothes. Please take weather into account.
- **The spring bell concert is on Tuesday, May 17th, at 7 pm in the church.** Students should arrive by 6:40 to check in and get ready. Bell students should also wear nice spring clothes. Please take weather into account.

For both concerts, if your child is unable to attend, please contact [Miss Shukle](#) and we will work out an excused absence with a make-up assignment. This information can also be found in my K-8 Music Monthly Newsletter ([Click for link](#)).

NATIVITY GARAGE SALE UPDATE: Nativity 7th Graders continue to collect Garage Sale Donations for their community wide garage sale June 9-11. Proceeds will help fund the 2017 class trip to Chicago. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request. All items with the exceptions of TVs, cribs, computers and car seats are welcome. Items can be dropped off in the School Office at 9901 E. Bloomington Freeway Door #14, M-F between 8:30-4:30 PM. If you need help or have larger items to donate, contact us at nativitygaragesale@gmail.com 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](#)
- ✓ **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](#)

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 – Mom’s, Dad’s and Grads!** This is a great time of year to pick up Scrip gift cards for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and the many graduations in May and June. Scrip also makes great wedding gifts. 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!
- **Holistic Breakfast:** The Middle School Holistic Breakfast will be held on Wednesday May 18th at 7:45am. If you can volunteer to set up, serve or clean up, please email Kristi Rollwagen at sk5068@aol.com
- **SPRING TESTING BEGINS FOR K-2:** Nativity of Mary continues spring testing for our youngest students.
- **PIANO LESSONS:** Registration forms for piano lessons are due by May 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Bergquist at ab88keys1@gmail.com.

KUDOS:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Thanks to Christine Thelen, Laura DePoint, and Denelle Cheney for all of the ways teachers were appreciated this week, and all of the other parents who volunteered in the classrooms so that our teachers could attend the teacher luncheon, or sent a card and note of thanks.
- **The George Family:** Congratulations on the birth of little Josie. Welcome to the Nativity family.
- **Grade 2 & Middle School students:** Thank you for delivering smiles to the residents at the “Summer House” across the street. The May Day baskets were a wonderful treat and they loved the songs and scenes.
- **VEAP Donors:** We brought in 219 pounds of food during our “Kindness Week” in April. THANK YOU!
- **PRESCHOOL:** Thank you to all the moms who came to our preschool event honoring mothers this morning. Nativity wishes you a Happy Mother's Day. Some fun photos to share at the preschool webpage ([Click](#)).
- **CUB SCOUTS:** The Cub Scouts collected 362 pounds of food and \$42 in donations this past weekend as they canvassed Bloomington for the Scouting for Food campaign. All donations went to VEAP to support those in need right here in Bloomington. The boys enjoyed Dilly bars to cap off the day!



PRAYER THOUGHT: Prayers for families who are visiting and touring our school.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

Lunchroom Volunteers:

Mon 5/9	Rachel Stuart, Clark Flowers, Todd Millenacker, Eileen Aune
Tues 5/10	Lydia High, Shannon Schritz, Erin Martin, Kari Guthmiller
Wed 5/11	Mary Koch, Don Eslinger, Helen Eslinger, Tasha Kingston
Thurs 5/12	Jaqueline Reyes, Tasha Kingston, E. Garza, Araceli-Medina Nunez
Fri 5/13	Kim Nygren, Colleen Thornburg, Rosie Pfarr-Baker, Lisa Smit

Playground Volunteers:

Mon 5/9	Shelly Battin
Tues 5/10	Jenefer Morales
Wed 5/11	John Lako
Thurs 5/12	Robert Stuart
Fri 5/13	Tim McCollow

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Opportunity to serve the Nativity of Mary Community: Are you looking for a tangible way to show love for those grieving among your fellow brothers and sisters at Nativity of Mary? Consider helping with the funeral lunch ministry. Whether you are looking to bring out your “closet caterer” skills or simply contribute your gift for hospitality, there is a place for you in this ministry. Currently we have urgent need for people to contribute food items for funeral luncheons and to serve as funeral lunch workers. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who could serve during daytime hours, including moms looking to serve on campus while their kids are in school. Questions? Call Annie Hermanson: 952-881-8671, ext. 319. Thank you!

Mother's Day “Baby Shower” for Life May 1-May 15! In caring for the vulnerable among us, you are invited to donate a new or used item for our “Baby Shower for Life.” A drop box is outside of the Nativity School Office and in the Gathering Space. All items will be donated to Tapestry Family Services. Sponsored by *Nativity of Mary Respect Life Ministry*.

Holy Angels Spring Info Night: The Academy of Holy Angels is hosting its **Spring Info Night** for prospective students and families on **Wednesday, May 25th**. The night will start at 5:30 with social time and light refreshments. At 6, our program will begin. Spring Info Night is for students and families in grades 6-8 who are thinking about their high school choice. Families interested in attending, please RSVP at www.academyofholyangels.org.

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.

KITE DAY: Saturday, May 7 is Kite Day in Bloomington. Kite Day is celebrated at Valley View Playfield, 9000 Portland Avenue So from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.