



NATIVITY EVENTS

June 2:

Last day of school!

- 6-7th Grade Field Trip
- K-5 Field Day 1-3 p.m.

June 9-11: Nativity Garage Sale to support the 8th grade Chicago Trip

VBS: July 11-15 (Sign up online on website, click)

Kindergarten Camp: July 25-28 (Sign up forms on our website, click)

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 [Mrs. Meyer](#) (Click)

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](#)

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:

What a year! It's been an amazing first year together as your principal at Nativity of Mary. I am proud of the progress and partnerships we have started and excited to announce that our school is fully Accredited for another seven years through the Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association. Here is just a short list of the accomplishments of this year:

- Accredited School K-8
- Preschool License Completion
- Student 1:1 laptops – Grades 4 to 8
- Expanded STEM instruction K to 8
- Growth in academic success, increases in student assessment results
- Adoption of “Kindness Campus” – 626 acts of kindness from Nativity
- Professional Development for teachers: technology, ADHD, CPR
- Development of Safety Committee
- Increased marketing
- Expanded student enrollment
- Successful fundraisers, surpassed Schulze Foundation matching grant goal of \$35,000
- New multi-student family discount
- Updates to our Creative Club building by Men’s Club

As your summer schedule begins, we hope that the warmer weather allows time for family and rest. When you do have rainy days, we encourage students to spend time reading books and practicing their math facts.

If you’re looking for some good use of technology over the summer, other than just video games, we invite you to have your child practice educational skills on IXL. This past week you should have received your child’s IXL login information. If you didn’t, please contact the office. IXL offers skill practice in: math, language arts, science, social studies and analytics. Be sure to login and your child should be at grade level for practicing any of the above subjects. We are also offering summer camps and VBS, listed in the left box. Nativity teachers also tutor. Contact the school or your child’s teacher to connect with a summer tutor.

FAREWELL TO 2016 8th GRADE

GRADUATES: On Wednesday evening we held a special Mass and graduation celebration for our graduating 8th grade students. These students touched the lives of many of the students at Nativity through their warmth and service, leadership, academic prowess, faith, and genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit. While we say goodbye, we

know that they will always be a part of the Nativity extended family. We look forward to seeing you shine in all you do in the future! Congratulations: Alexander Acosta; Lily Boulay, Duyen Bui, Andy Cao, Matthew Castro, Diana Doan, John Doyle, Jazz DuBay, Karli Flippo, Emily Garlets, Logan Harley, Helena Holland, Alex Knoll, Emily Koch, Rachel Larson, Nicholas



McGrane, Ephrem Nguyen, Lina Nguyen, Ashley Niola, Booke & Kylie Reardon, Matthew Sell, Deric Shelstad, Rachel Steiner, Gavin Stevens Paige Thomson, Kipling Wechselbaum, and Natalie Wheeler.

OPEN SPOTS! Preschool to Grade 8: Preschool still has limited openings, call to learn more. **5 Day – two openings; 3 Day – five spots remain; 2 Day – four openings.**

K-8 Enrollment: We have openings in most of our classrooms. If you have not enrolled for next year, please complete your registration. Call me with any questions or concerns.

HOST A STUDENT IN 2016-17:

KoAm Host families are families who would like to experience an exciting cultural exchange and broaden their perspectives on the world. They are excited to share American culture, language, and values with a student from across the globe. Their guidance and love allows the student the most memorable, unforgettable experience, not only by sharing their lives, but also by sharing God's love with a young child from across the globe. Your family is paid to cover all costs. To apply to be a KoAm host family, please contact your local area coordinator, Nicole Riebe, at [952-217-5510](tel:952-217-5510) or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640), and/or by email at administrator@koameduall.org.



REMINDERS:

- **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.
- **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!
- **READING TUTORS 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

KUDOS: Target shoppers – we received our last “Take Charge of Education” check thanks to listing Nativity as the school of choice, two checks, one for \$1,283.68 and the other for \$2,400. PLEASE next year remember to pre-order or pick up your SCRIP cards for all of your Target shopping, otherwise we will not benefit as a school. Thank you!

Thank you to our chaperones for the Nativity of Mary 8th Grade Chicago Trip - Father Zehren; Marty Thomson; Theresa Prusha; David Long; Kristi & John Reardon; Kim Steiner; Patti Wechselbaum; Patty Meyer; and Dan Koch...and to the extra parents who also assisted, Judy & Dan Boulay, Michelle Knoll and Connie Larson.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Prayers of healing for families with health issues. Prayers to keep our extended Nativity family safe over the summer months.

Blessings and have a wonderful summer! Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rock The Lawn: All Holy Angels Community Members are invited to Rock the Lawn on Friday, June 24th! Rock the Lawn is an all-school reunion and music festival on the Academy of Holy Angels Front Lawn. Alumni Paul Peterson and his band Abracadabra will be headlining with Mick Sterling as the opening act. On the lawn will be a beer and wine tent, games, great music, and great fellowship. The night will kick off with mass in the AHA Chapel at 6pm, AHA history presentation at 6:30,

and the music starts at 7! The purpose of this event is to bring all of the AHA Community members together...including alumni, parents, current and former teachers, and the Sisters of St. Joseph to have fun! The event is for anyone 18 years or older.

Get your tickets at academyofholyanimals.org/rockthelawn. Tickets are just \$10 until May 31st, and then they will be \$15. Hope to see you there!!

Chesterton Academy Summer Camps: Camp Goretti is a Catholic Girls' Camp being offered for grades 2-4 July 11-15 and for grades 5-7 June 20-24 from 1-4pm. Camp Frassati is a Catholic Boys' camp for boys entering grades 4-6 July 25-26 from 1-4. For more information or to register please call 952-378-1779 or email campgoretti.frassati@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 24, 2016 - Night of Light Catholic Schools' Event.

RSVP HERE: <http://goo.gl/forms/2NRCMaQITBrxRmtF3>



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