



November 3, 2016

Transforming Learning

Dear Nativity Families:

November has arrived! Thank you for the support this past weekend at the Nativity school student Mass on Sunday and the fantastic Cub & Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast! Special thanks to the troop leaders and our music teacher, Emma Shukle, who helped lead the students in song during the Mass. I was so proud of our student readers, ushers, and singers and the parishioners love seeing our students at Mass.

The Halloween parties were joyous events in the classrooms. Special thanks to you, our many parents, who assisted in coordinating the many games and activities for these parties. I was so enthralled with how quiet and active the students were during these special events. THANK YOU FOR YOUR IMPORTANT ROLE!

This week we also gathered for All Saints Day Mass. Students celebrated the past and present Saints at Mass, reflecting on the many stories of the Saints. Each day during our morning prayer we share the "Saint of the Day" and their short story. To continue the conversation at home, please visit: <http://www.catholicicing.com/saint-post-directory/>



SATURDAY IS RAKE-A-THON! This is a Nativity service project tradition for school families as we serve the community of Bloomington. On Saturday, we will gather at 8 a.m. in the school cafeteria for breakfast. The breakfast will be served from 8 – 9 a.m. At breakfast, you will receive your group and house number for raking. PLEASE BRING RAKES AND GLOVES! THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

A LOOK AT EXPANDING OUR PRESCHOOL: Nativity of Mary is looking into various options to expand our preschool program. At this time, vendors are looking at possible ways to add a third classroom. We will keep you updated on this project as we consider various options.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: Our Middle School is hosting a "Neon Dance" on Friday, Nov. 5 from 7-11 p.m. in our gym. They would like to invite Blessed Trinity Middle School. However, I would need one chaperone from BT for every ten students attending, and a list ahead of time of which students are attending.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! More playground volunteers are needed. If you are available to help on the playground even one day a month, please contact Jeff Giles at jgiles@bloomington.gov

(Community News on the Back of this Newsletter)



Nov. 4: Spirit Wear Day!

Nov. 5: Nativity of Mary Rake-A-Thon! Call if you need your yard raked: 952.881.8160

Nov. 7-30: Read-A-Thon

Nov. 11: Read-A-Thon Turn in Date (Come dressed in red/white/blue) & Veteran's Day Event

Nov. 17: Parent Teacher Conferences K-8 (Not preschool)

Nov. 18: Read-A-Thon Turn in Date (Come in your PJ's to read!)

Nov. 21: Parent Teacher Conferences K-8 (Not Preschool)

Nov. 22: Come dressed as your favorite animals! Read-A-Thon Turn In Date

Nov. 23-25: HAPPY THANKSGIVING (No School)

Nov. 30: Final Turn in Date for Read-A-Thon

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The 8th graders are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. The students would love any contributions that you would like to donate. Some ideas are as follows: hair brush and/or accessories, cups, toothbrush/paste, small toys (stuffed animals, balls, jump rope, deck of cards, games, puzzles, etc.), crafts, school supplies, coloring books, picture books, stickers, and snacks/candy. Please do not send anything liquid or anything that could melt. Also, it must fit inside a shoe box. Each box costs \$7 for shipping. If you would like to contribute towards that cost, you can write a check to Operation Christmas Child or send cash. Any questions? Contact Laura Millenacker (lmillenacker@nativitybloomington.org)

REMINDERS:

- 👉 **Visitor Badges** - If you have a Nativity "Visitor Badge" in your purse, cup holder of your car, or in your coat pocket, please return them to the school office. Thanks!
- 👉 **Lunch Money** - When sending lunch money to the school office please be sure to put your child's name on the envelope, especially when sending cash. There were two envelopes turned in on Monday that said "Lunch money" but no name.
- 👉 **Conference Sign Up** - Confirmation of your conference time for Middle School is in today's communication folder. K – 5 conference sign up slips are in this communication folder. Please return K-5 slips by Tuesday, Nov. 8.

KUDOS:

- 👉 **Nativity Room Parents** for hosting our classroom parties!
- 👉 **Congratulations to the Gonnella Family** on the birth of their daughter Elise Marie. She was born on Monday 10/24 at 2:55pm, 9 lbs 5 oz. She is welcomed home by big sisters Madeline in 2nd Grade and Abigail in PreK.

PRAYERS: Families with health concerns, school Rake-A-Thon, and parishes of Bloomington.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



NATIVITY OF MARY PARISH: Usher Training: Have you ever considered becoming an usher at Mass? If you are interested, we will be hosting usher training on Saturday, November 19 from 9—10:30 AM in the Gathering Space. The training will include hands-only CPR and AED training. For more information, call Dr. Jacob Benda or Carol Oldowski at (952)881-8671.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Saturday, December 3, 9:00am–3:00pm

Start your holidays in style at Pax Christi's Annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale! This shopping extravaganza is for the whole family. It will feature a variety of handcrafted items from over 50 quality crafters and artisans, a bake sale, and luncheon. Come and shop for the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list. This event is free and there is plenty of parking available. Don't miss out on this Annual Holiday Boutique!



KENNEDY – AP Scholars of Distinction: Congrats to Nativity alumni at Kennedy - AP Scholars with Distinction – Brittani Dolney, Laura Gale and Ian Klein (3.5 on all AP exams) and AP Scholars (3.0 or higher on all three more AP exams) Leonardo Flentje, Pdraig Murphy and Katelyn Wohlers.

