



October 13, 2016

Building Spirituality

Dear Nativity Families:

What a beautiful Grandparents & Special Friends Day this past Friday. What a joy to meet close to 400 people that nurture and support our students through love, prayers, and the precious gift of time. Special thanks to everyone who helped during this day: **Staff:** Jacob Benda; Kathy Daggett; Rita Duerr; Jim Ellison; Wanda Hagerty; Lynn Robertson; Dr. Marie Rule; Emma Shukle; Megan Thorpe; Fr. Dennis Zehren; Carla Zenk. **Parents:** Laura DePoint; Jill Stoebe; Lynn Poehling; Sabrina Sievert; Kari Guthmiller; Sara Gonnella and Shannon Dahl and our **Nativity Student Leadership!**

This week students gathered to see a very unique statue of Mary, the mother of Jesus, known as the Lady of Fatima. We joined thousands around the world in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of Fatima. It reminds us of the beautiful role of Mary and how over many years, she appears to people seeking her support. Students learned about this statue and shared several prayers as a school. <http://www.ourladyoffatima.org/fatima/fatima.htm>



In your folders this week, please find your child's assessment results for 1-8th grade, from either the FAST or MAP testing. Teachers will be happy to go over these results at our upcoming conferences in November; however, if you wish to meet before that, please contact your child's teacher. In addition, these results helped to determine if your child may need additional support. You will have received a letter from our Title teacher, Erin Smith, or our tutor, Terri Riehm if your child qualifies for this assistance.

Next week is a very short week! Please remember we only have school on Monday & Tuesday, Preschool to Grade 8. The rest of the week is MEA workshops.

Nativity of Mary is excited to meet one of our Strategic Planning goals – to start a Parent & Teacher Organization, or PTO. The first meeting is Wed., Oct. 26 from 7-8 p.m. We will meet in the church's Gathering Space. All families are members of the PTO, so we hope that parents can come to this meeting as we begin our PTO planning.

Join us at the 10:30 a.m. Weekend Mass on Oct. 30. This weekend we will host Mass and want students to assist by singing in the choir, reading petitions, or serving as ushers. We have several families signed up, but need a lot of singers! If you can come and sing, please email Miss Shukle at eshukle@nativitybloomington.org. We will also be having our Cub Scout Breakfast fundraiser in the cafeteria and look forward to your support and delicious pancakes!



(Community News on the Back of this Newsletter)



OCT. 19-21: NO SCHOOL
MEA-Teacher Workshops

OCT. 24-28: National
Bully Prevention Week
(Wed – wear orange for
Unity Day!)

OCT. 30: Nativity Hosts
the Weekend Mass at
10:30 a.m. (Sign up!)

OCT. 31: K-5 may bring a
costume or Saint outfit
for classroom parties in
the afternoon.

NOV. 1: All Saints' Day
Mass at 9:45 a.m.

NOV. 5: RAKE-A-THON

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WELCOME! We are excited to welcome Rose in 4th grade. Please help her to feel a part of school family by extending an invitation to their family at upcoming events.

NATIVITY HELP NEEDED: Nativity of Mary School is looking for a person to assist in the lunchroom daily, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is a paid, hourly position. Please call or email: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org or 952.881.8160.

REMINDERS:

- **NO SHORTS!** It's October – shorts are no longer allowed as part of our uniform policy. Thanks for helping students adjust to our change in the weather.
- **Hooded sweatshirts** are not uniform, these are for Spirit Wear or outside.
- **Student Birthdays.** Please remember it is Nativity's guide to not bring treats for your child's birthday. Families may bring a pencil, stickers, new class book, or set up a time to come and read in your child's class. Families may also bring a lunch for their child's birthday. If you bring a lunch, we do ask that you sit at a round table with your child. Your child may invite one friend to join them for this lunch. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORMS:

You may order online or pick up order forms in the office. The vendors have added some items, including some lower cost T-shirts under \$10! There are also some Preschool sizes available. Here are the links to order online, otherwise please stop by the office for forms: [Bloomington Custom Embroidery](#) & [Educational Outfitters \(Click\)](#)

KUDOS:

 Parish for coordinating the Our Lady of Fatima visit, especially Cinthia Biros and Judy Boulay.

PRAYERS: Families with health concerns and new student transitions.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



HOLY ANGELS – Softball Clinic for Students Grades 6-8th: Come for five Thursdays from Oct. 20-Dec.1. Contact cpcardinal@aol.com to sign up!



The Academy of Holy Angels Fall Open House

- **Richfield, MN** - Please join us for our Fall Open House on Thursday, October 27. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with an activities and sports fair. Our opening prayer and program starts at 6:30 PM with tours and academic presentations following. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about Holy Angels, so we hope to see you on the 10/27!
- **WHEN:** Thursday, October 27 - 6:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Academy of Holy Angels - 6600 Nicollet Ave S. Richfield, MN 55423

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The **Cub Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast** will be held at Nativity of Mary Cafeteria on Sunday, **October 30th from 8:00 AM-12:30PM.** Advance tickets can be purchased this weekend or next after all masses at Nativity of Mary, St. Bonaventure and St Edwards. Advance tickets are \$5. Children 5 and under are FREE! Tickets at the door are \$6. If interested, please contact Kate Barkow, cchromy@hotmail.com or 952-346-0165 by October 18th.



BENILDE-ST.MARGARET:

Get a head start on your holiday shopping list, while supporting Catholic education, at the Benilde - St. Margaret's Knightsbridge Boutique Event on **Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Enjoy this one-day-only boutique for a truly royal shopping experience that reigns supreme. For more details and to purchase your Knightsbridge VIP wristband online, visit www.BSMschool.org/knightsbridge.