



October 27, 2016

Transforming Learning

Dear Nativity Families:

This week Nativity hosted our “Bully Free Education Week” as part of our commitment to a Kindness Campus for Christ. From educational games in the classrooms, to a brick wall of commitment from students, our school body is choosing to support one another, show respect, and continue to make an impact to change bullying. It takes small steps and a united effort, with a lot of reminders of what is the right choice for our students. We invite you to join in the discussion at home especially regarding acceptance and inclusion – it is so easy to leave others out of our groups or to make fun of those unique qualities that make us different. The Pacer Center presented their puppet show this week to our youngest students and our older students heard from a high school group. We hope you can visit with your child at home and even use some of the resources for parents and students from the [Pacer Center \(Click.\)](#)



Thank you for attending our Nativity of Mary Parent & Teacher Organization, PTO, kick off this Wednesday. All families are members of the PTO and we look forward to growing the support of our PTO to assist teachers and support the volunteer and fundraising needs of our school. We will hold two annual meetings, one in the fall and one each spring. In the Spring we will elect officers for our new school year.

ANNUAL REPORT: This pastweekend the parish and school shared their Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015 (July – June). Please find the school portion for your perusal in this week’s Communication Folder. We are moving forward with our Strategic Plans and look forward to your continued input in all we do as a school of academic excellence and spiritual growth.

CONFERENCE FORMS ARE IN THIS COMMUNICATION FOLDER: Conferences will be November 17 & 21. Please be sure to sign up for a time with your child’s teacher.

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGIE BERGQUIST! Angie teaches piano at Nativity of Mary and has received the Minnesota Music Teachers Association Volunteer of the Year Award.

(Community News on the Back of this Newsletter)



OCT. 24-28: National Bully Prevention Week

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. (No student Mass on Nov. 3)

NOV. 4:

- ****Spirit Wear Day!****
 - **Middle School “Neon” Dance - \$5**
- 7-10 p.m.

NOV. 5: RAKE-A-THON

NOV. 7-30: Nativity Read-A-Thon Fundraiser!

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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. If you can come and sing, please email Miss Shukle at eshukle@nativitybloomington.org. We will also be having our Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the cafeteria and look forward to your support!



3rd-8th GRADE STUDENTS: CONTEST! Name Nativity's First Literary Magazine

Nativity teachers, Mrs. Duerr, Mrs. Tronnes, and Mrs. Millenacker plan to publish your child's work. Students can submit original fiction or non-fiction stories, poetry, and song lyrics by December 5. Not a writer? The committee is also accepting student photographs, sketches, paintings, and photos of 3-D art. Find the literary magazine guidelines flyer in today's communication folder.

WELCOME! To Jill Grimme our new lunchroom aide. She will be assisting in monitoring the lunch room each day. We are so happy to have her as part of our school family! We would also like to welcome to the parish and school community Katie Vander Weit, the new volunteer coordinator. She will be verifying your Virtus and Background checks, so those of you that were in need of updates will be hearing from her soon!

REMINDERS:

- **Reminder that drop off time is 9:15 a.m.** – If you need to arrive prior to this time please consider our morning care program, Creative Club. We've been having a lot of students arriving early...
- **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:** [Bloomington Custom Embroidery](#) & [Educational Outfitters \(Click\)](#)

KUDOS:

- **Bully Free Committee for a great week of activities:** Special thanks to Kathy Daggett; Carla Zenk; Annette Poelvoorde; Tina Flowers and Amanda Stone.

PRAYERS: Families with health concerns and healing for students and Nativity parents.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



THE ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS 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

DON'T FORGET: The Cub Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at Nativity of Mary Cafeteria on Sunday, **October 30th from 8:00 AM-12:30PM**. Tickets at the door are \$6. Children 5 and under are free. Thank you for supporting the only fundraiser for Pack #374.



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.