



October 6, 2016

## ***Transforming Learning***

**Dear Nativity Families:**

Welcome October! Students are examining the harvest of the fall, from apples to pumpkins, the signs of fall are everywhere. With fall, comes exciting events for our students and families. Many classes will participate in a fall enrichment field trip, learn about the seeds of the fall, and also assist others through our fall service Rake-A-Thon. We hope that families can join us on November 5 as we rake the yards of Bloomington.

### **IN OUR CLASSROOMS:**

- **Preschool** – examined the seeds of apples and tasted the different varieties.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – did science experiments with seeds and math outside with chalk and counters!
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – began using the computer laptops for extended learning experiences in their classroom.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – traveled to Fort Snelling as they begin their studies of the States and our own, Minnesota history.
- **Library** – Students enjoyed their second week of library and loved finding great books to bring home and share with you.

**WELCOME!** We are excited to welcome Amanda in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Please help her to feel a part of our 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 as a lunchroom monitor to assist with students and clearing of tables. Please call or email at: [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org) or 952.881.8160.



**Catholic Community  
FOUNDATION**

**Nativity of Mary School** is happy to be a recent recipient of a Tuition Assistance Grant from the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). This grant was made possible by many donors – past and present – whose belief in the power of endowment has allowed CCF to steward and grow endowment funds. These funds provide annual grants to our Catholic schools in order to make Catholic education accessible to more and more students. The Catholic Community Foundation, located in St. Paul, is the largest Catholic community foundation in the nation and is committed to supporting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our community.

### **REMINDERS:**

- **Pancake Breakfast October 9 at KC Hall:** Enjoy the pancakes and raise dollars for various programs at: KC Hall - 1114 American Blvd.
- **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.

*(Community News on the Back of this Newsletter)*



**OCT. 6:** Spirit Wear Day  
(Out-of-Uniform)

**OCT. 7:** Grandparent &  
Special Friend Day –  
9:15-11:30

**OCT. 12:** Lady of Fatima  
Special Event - 1 p.m.

**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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## 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 \(Click\)](#)

**DEADLINE FOR NEWS & NOTES:** Please remember that the deadline for articles in "News & Notes" is Wednesday by noon. Any flyers for the "Communication Folder" must be in the office by each Wednesday at 3 p.m. If we receive information after these times, it will be held until the next week's communication. Thank you!

## KUDOS:

- 👉 Thanks **Christine Thelen** for coordinating our volunteer database for all of our Nativity parent opportunities.
- 👉 **Dan & Kristi Riley** for their work in the Library. Shelves were adjusted and the library was re-organized for a beautiful start to our library year.

**PRAYERS:** Families with health concerns and new student transitions.

**BLESSINGS,** Mindy Reeder – [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)

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### **Men's Club Member Event: Pig Roast and Backyard Bash**

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.**

Last Chance to RSVP for the Nativity Men's Club event! The board is pulling together a backyard event for Men's Club members and those interested in potentially joining. **Please RSVP by emailing [travishawton@hotmail.com](mailto:travishawton@hotmail.com)**. Location and more details to come for those that RSVP. Please reach out to other fellow Nativity men. There is no cost for the event, but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice if you like. Don't miss out! RSVP today.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Cub Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast**

will be held at Nativity of Mary Cafeteria on Sunday, **October 30<sup>th</sup> 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. This is the **ONLY** fundraiser for Cub Scouts. Come and support Pack 374. Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast-Great advertising for a great price! Purchase a

placemat ad spot for only \$40! Ad spot includes 2 tickets to the breakfast. Last year the scouts served over 600 people. If interested, please contact Kate Barkow, [cchromy@hotmail.com](mailto:cchromy@hotmail.com) or 952-346-0165 by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **HOLY ANGELS – Softball Clinic for Students Grades 6-8<sup>th</sup>:** Come for five

Thursdays from Oct. 20-Dec.1. Contact [cpcardinal@aol.com](mailto:cpcardinal@aol.com) to sign up!



### **OPEN HOUSE EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS:**

**Holy Angels hosting Middle School & Fan Appreciation – Monday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.**

**Chesterton Academy Open House on Tuesday, October 11 – Edina, Minnesota** - Join us for an Open House, Activities Fair and Campus Tour. The tour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Please RSVP at 952.378.1779 or email: [info@chesteronacademy.org](mailto:info@chesteronacademy.org).

