



Dear Nativity Families:

Nativity students and staff created opportunities for celebration, growth and evaluation during our second week of school. All week, students have been celebrating Nativity by dancing to “Can’t Stop the Feeling” during physical education thanks to parent, Kathleen Baffert, who volunteered her time to teach this dance. We want to spread “sunshine” as said in this song, because at Nativity we spread the love of Jesus! We invite you to join us on Saturday, Sept. 17 for Heritage Days to share our “Flash Mob” dance and be a part of the parade. Here is the important information!

PARADE:

- DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17: Heritage Days Parade!
- TIME: 10 a.m. line up (Parade starts at 10:30 a.m.)
- WHO: Parents, students and staff – wear Nativity t-shirts or spirit wear!

FLASH DANCE:

- DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17: Heritage Days Parade!
- TIME: 3 p.m. by the Main Stage in the Nativity parking lot (south side)
- WHO: Students and staff – wear Nativity t-shirts or spirit wear. Dance to “Sunshine” once you hear the music and move toward the center stage!

EVALUATION: During these first few weeks, evaluation of students is an important way to start our year. This week, our second grade students completed the new FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) in reading and math. These results will assist teachers in understanding where each child is currently at in the learning standards, and confirm if they are on target, need support, or enrichment. Our teachers will share these results with you in the next few weeks. All grades will be assessed in the next few weeks. Next week, we begin with assessments for Grades 1 and Grades 3-8.

LAUNCH NIGHT-TONIGHT – 6 p.m. in the Nativity Church: Nativity of Mary has a tradition of starting the year out with our “Launch the New Year” event. This is an event for families beginning with a blessing and an address from the principal and School Advisory Council members. After the blessings, we have parent volunteers and teachers who will assist both in the gym or the music room for activities or a movie. While children are busy, parents have the opportunity to visit your child’s classroom to learn more about that grade. See our schedule highlighted in the column to the right. HOPE TO SEE YOU TONIGHT!

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Friday, Sept. 23 – Picture Day! Come in your favorite outfit. Students may be out-of-uniform all day, so if you do not wish to get your photo outfit dirty, bring another outfit to change into. PLEASE BRING YOUR PICTURE FORM. ALSO, we will not be doing a class photo but instead, all families will receive a class group of everyone’s photos. This helps to ensure that all students are on the class picture. Teachers may also be taking their own class group photos to share with families.

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM: Two key changes that you may hear about at home are the classroom meetings and student written rules. The meetings include group activities. These activities help to promote unity between our students. They also

SEPT. 15: Mass 9:45

SEPT. 15: Launch of a New Year & Grades and 4 & 5 Tech Night!

- 6 p.m. – Gather in Church – Beginning of Year Service
- 6:20 p.m. – Students choose movie or games
- 6:30 p.m. – Presentation & State of the School
- 7 p.m. – Classroom Presentations (Gr 4-5 Tech parent mandatory training.)
- 7-7:20 p.m. Class One
- 7:30-7:50 Class Two
- 7:50 Pick up your children!

SEPT. 16 & 17:

Heritage Days at Nativity! Parade: Saturday, Unit #51 – Wear White Shirts or Nativity Spirit Wear, arrive at float by 10 a.m., parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

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MASSES NEXT WEEK: Our Mass schedule is changing for next week as Middle School will be going to CHS Field for an Archdiocese-wide school Mass. Please note this on your calendars if you are planning to join us:

- Wed, Sept. 21 – 9:45 a.m. K-5
- Thurs., Sept. 22 – NO MASS (Grade 6-8 will have Mass at CHS Field)

FAMILY FOLDERS: Family folders come home each Thursday. Materials are inside the folder for you to review. Take out the items and return the folders on Friday. Coming home this week:

- Sports fliers from several groups/schools
- Flier posting Out-of-Uniform and Spirit Wear days
- Free & Reduced Lunch Application – please complete if you believe your family is eligible. DUE: 9-23
- Picture Order Forms – send back next week with photo orders!

THE PARISH IS HIRING! The parish and school is hiring a part-time parish janitor for daily work. Please talk with James in the parish office or email him at: jkelzer@nativitybloomington.org to apply.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We appreciate any time you can share! All volunteers assisting with students must complete a background check and Virtus training. Sign up to attend training on September 20 or 29. (www.virtus.org)

REMINDERS:

- **Box Tops & Campbell Soup:** Please continue to collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels as this helps support funding for educational items for our school. They can be dropped off in the office.
- **Virtus Training at Nativity-Sept. 20 & 29 at 6:30 p.m.:** All parents or grandparents wishing to volunteer must have completed a background check (forms in the office) and attended Virtus training. Before attending the training, please register for the Virtus online at: virtus.org
- **Pancake Breakfast – Sept. 25 at KC Hall** on 1114 American Blvd. They will be raising money for coats to support children in need this winter. Free will offering and a coat is your entrance cost.

KUDOS: Thanks to all of parent/parish volunteers who stepped in these first few weeks to assist in the lunchroom, at recess and in classrooms. In addition, a special thanks to Kathleen Baffert for teaching the dance to our staff and students.

