



**Dear Nativity Families:**

What a beautiful first week. We could truly feel the energy of the students as they began the 2016-17 school year. With all of our students, we have shared how they are all “Created for Greatness,” as spoken by Pope Benedict XVI. Our staff looks forward to helping each of our students see the great plans God has for them this year.

**First Week Schedules and Transitions:** We know that the first week can be exciting as well as stressful as both families and students transition back into a school year routine. Let your teacher know of any concerns as we work together to create a positive year.

**Nativity Spirit Wear on first Friday’s:** New this year is “Spirit Wear” on the first Friday of each month. This replaces the “out-of-uniform” day. The decision to move to spirit wear first Friday’s was made by staff, our uniform committee and School Advisory Council to build more Nativity pride!

- **What can your child wear on the first Friday of each month?** Any uniform top, or shirt that promotes Nativity, with jeans, or casual bottoms of your choice! You DO NOT need to purchase new shirts, but can simply wear a uniform top. Or, wear your Kindergarten Nativity t-shirt, or Nativity sports or theater shirt.
- **Students will still have “out-of-uniform” days** during special times of the year like National Bully Free Week, Read-A-Thon, Catholic Schools’ Week, and other events. In addition, you can continue to purchase “out-of-uniform” passes to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Chicago. Thank you for building Nativity pride!

**Student 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. In your family folder this week, you will find:

- **Parish Raffle Tickets:** During Heritage Days, Nativity of Mary parish raises essential dollars for the parish that also supports the school. We would love families to purchase some raffle tickets or sell them if you can. IF NOT, just return. Send your cash and any unsold tickets back by Sept. 17 – thank you!
- **Responsive Classroom:** Flier explaining Responsive Classroom and how your teachers will use this throughout their classroom day.
- **Launch of the School Year:**
- **Community Education Information:** Hockey and Karate fliers.
- **K-8 Dance Team with Academy of Holy Angels:** Email Chris Schmidt or call her to sign up your child for this program, 352.342.0405 or criffitz@aol.com

**Nativity of Mary Parish & School is Hiring!** The parish and school is hiring a part-time parish janitor for daily work, approximately 4 – 8 p.m. Talk with James in the parish office or email him at: [jkcelzer@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:jkcelzer@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](http://www.virtus.org))

**Launch Night, Sept. 15:** If you can help in the gym or movie room with students, let Jeff Giles know at: [jgiles@bloomingtonmn.gov](mailto:jgiles@bloomingtonmn.gov)



**NATIVITY**  
*of* **MARY**  
SCHOOL

**SEPT. 8: Mass 9:45**

**SEPT.9: First Friday “Nativity Spirit Wear” day!** Come in any Nativity uniform top, or a Spirit wear shirt, and your jeans, shorts, or favorite casual pants.

**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 & U State of the School
- 7 p.m. – Classroom Presentations (Gr 4-5 Tech parent mandatory training.)

**SEPT. 16 & 17: Heritage Days at Nativity! Parade: Saturday, Unit #51**  
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