

News & Notes

April 20, 2017



Dear Nativity Families:

Welcome back! We hope that you are refreshed and renewed in body, mind, and spirit after the beautiful Easter celebration and break. It's an exciting week back as we focus on "Kindness!" Each day, students and staff try a unique way to show and share our kindness in the light of Christ. It was a wonderful way to gather back together.

TESTING: Spring testing begins! Starting on Monday, April 24-May 5, students in 3-7th grade will begin their national assessments with the NWEA – MAP tests. Please be sure to have your child rested and ready to review all they have learned this year. Testing results are typically available in June.

DID YOU REGISTER? Thank you to everyone who already registered. Your timely registration helps us to plan and budget for the new school year. **NEED SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS?** Apply with TADS (K-8) and through Parent Aware (Preschool).

- **Aim Higher Scholarships through TADS!** Apply for scholarships by applying with TADS online. Families who have received the Aim Higher scholarship in the past **MUST APPLY through TADS this year.** Go to: www.tads.com.
- **Parent Aware–Preschool Scholarships:** We are now a 4-Star rated Preschool! You can apply by calling: 888.291.9811 www.parentaware.org



SPIRIT OF SPRING - Sat., April 29 (6-11:30 p.m.)

Las Vegas Style - Winning for Nativity! *Deadlines approaching for auction items and registration. You won't want to miss this fantastic evening of fun with casino games, fellowship, Elvis, & great auction items! The first person to read this & email me will receive a free ticket to the auction.*



FUND-A-NEED: Supporting **Science & STEM** programs!

DEADLINES:

1. **FRI., APRIL 21 - All auction items due** (or a photo and description of the item).
2. **WED., APRIL 26 - Early bird registration discount, due!** Call to attend, 952.881.8160, or send in your \$25 per person. (\$30 each at the door)
3. **WED., APRIL 26 - Sign up to Volunteer** [Click here](#) – We still need your support, or check that you're on the list!
4. **FRI., APRIL 28 – All raffle tickets are due by NOON** in order to be eligible for the children's drawing. If you only have adult raffle tickets, they can be brought to the event. **RETURN ALL SOLD OR UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS.**

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OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE

El Loro
Authentic Mexican Food



April 18-21: Kindness Week Activities

April 20:
9:45 a.m. Mass
**Earth Day clean up around campus

April 21: Out-of-Uniform for Kindness Week – wear blue!

April 26: Administrative Professionals' Day & Support Staff Day

April 28: Mid-Trimester

Tuesday & Wednesday – Weekly Lego League!

Parent
Aware 

THIS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! Thank you for your support. Please register to attend and keep selling your raffle tickets! **SOS webpage:** <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>

(More news on the back)

Mission Statement: Nativity of Mary School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **Flower Sale – LAST CHANCE!** Get your orders in by **Monday, April 24**. This supports our 8th grade trip. Order forms in the office, but were sent home several weeks ago as well.
- **Support the 1st Nativity Annual Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser! To date we have raised **\$44,186** toward our goal of **\$50,000**. We hope to reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share the letter: [Letter](#)
- **Spirit of Spring:** Visit the Spirit of Spring web page to sign up, get involved, make a donation, attend the event, or support the Fund A Need! <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>

KUDOS:

- **Thank you to our Kindness Committee:** Annette Polvorde, Tina Flowers, Amanda Stone and Carla Zenk.
- **Fish Fry Festival:** Thank you to all who attended the 5th annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival! It was the largest event to date. How much food does it take to serve 1,300 people? Over 400 lbs. of fish, 300 lbs. of fries, 265 lbs. of coleslaw, 350 lbs. of beans, 35 lbs. of lemons and a boat load of desserts. Thank you to all the volunteers and the organizers from the Men's Club, and to Janet McNeil for providing the desserts. Their efforts are truly appreciated and we can't wait to do it again next year!

PRAYERS: Students and families as we transition back to school and prepare for testing in Grades 3-7th. Prayers for enrollment as we finalize registration for the 2017-17 school year and welcome new families.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

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MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8th GRADES: Saturday Night Alive is back at Nativity this Saturday, April 22 from 4:00-8:00 P.M. This month we will be having a black-light party with black light dodge-ball, TP dodge-ball, black-light hunger games, and more! We start with Mass at 4:00, dinner at 5:15, and the rest of the night goes until 8:00. This event is open to students in grades 6-8 and there is no cost to attend, though donations are appreciated. Please let John know if you will be attending, he can be reached at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316 or by email at JStute@nativitybloomington.org



Supportthemass.org (Click) is the place to sign up and May 3 is the deadline. We want you to come as our guest that evening if you are interested. **Just use the word PRINCIPAL when you sign up for a ticket.** We have many attending but want you to be a part of this difference!