



News & Notes



April 6, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

We would like to wish you a blessed Easter break and celebration. May you rejoice in the good news of everlasting life and enjoy the fresh spring air and time with family and friends.

This week we have two special staff announcements.

Nativity is blessed by dedicated staff and teachers. Many donate countless hours of their personal time to support Nativity programs, students and families. We ask that you continue to pray for our staff:

- **Mrs. Ellen Tronnes has accepted the Middle School Math teaching position.** Mrs. Tronnes has a Master's in Education, a K-6 Elementary Teaching license as well as a 5-8 Middle School Math license. She has served Nativity as a 5th grade teacher and more recently as our Middle School religion and language arts teacher. Previously, she taught Math in Chaska. We are very happy to have her as our math teacher! (Mr. Bohman retires this spring.)
- **Mrs. Carla Zenk is leaving Nativity as a 4th grade homeroom teacher.** She has served Nativity of Mary School for ten years and been teaching for 16 years. She will continue to offer tutoring to Nativity students after school, and will be on our substitute teacher list. This allows her some flexibility to her help care for her parents. We will keep her family in our prayers.



Autumn & Evan as Principals!



Nativity students receive academic award in hockey.

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME! Thank you to the many families who have already registered. I will begin calling families who are not registered. We need your registration in so that we can 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

Middle School Update:

Dear 7th Grade Families: Please plan to attend a presentation on the Washington DC trip this: **April 19 - 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Space - Washington DC Trip! I have talked with two tour companies and received pricing. At the meeting we will hear from a representative, go over itinerary, review pricing, and make a decision for the 2018 trip.

Dear 8th Grade Families: In this week's Communication Folder please find a letter with the list of chaperones, final details, and how much you've earned. If you have any questions, please call or email me. – [Mrs. Reeder](#)

(More news on the back)

April 7: Spirit Wear Day & 3 p.m. Stations by Staff

EASTER BREAK – April 10-17 – NO SCHOOL

April 18-21: Kindness Week Activities

April 19: 6:30 p.m. – 7th Grade Parent Meeting- Washington DC Trip

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

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



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.



SPRIT OF SPRING-Sat., April 29 (6-11:30 p.m.) Las Vegas Style-Winning for God!

Join us for the most entertaining Nativity event of the year, and help to earn essential funds for Nativity students! **THIS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! More help needed!**



- **RAFFLE TICKETS:** Adults, take your chance to win cash, up to \$2,017 and the children's raffle includes chances for Zoo passes and Nickelodeon Universe!
- **ENTERTAINMENT: Games of Skill! Music by "Elvis," Silent Auction, Plinko, Buy-Ins & Teacher Treasures** – featuring student art, donations from area businesses, baskets, vacations, and events.
- **LIVE AUCTION:** Bid on a stay in **Las Vegas**, **Principal for a Day**, **Gym Teacher for a Day**, **Piano Lessons**, **Veil Orthodontics Braces**, **Chamber seating for the MN Twins**, and much More!
- **FUND-A-NEED:** Supporting science & **STEM** educational programs at Nativity.



Please register to attend and keep selling your raffle tickets! We are still looking for basket donations and volunteers. A creative tree suggestion is in the office if you are looking for ideas. Forms online: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>



SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **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:

- **Congratulations to Nativity of Mary alumni at Holy Angels who received the following awards: Scholars of Distinction - GPA of 4.0:** Nicholas Campion, Katherine Kistler, John Kosmach, Joseph McGrane, Anuli Steve-Chinatu **High Honors-3.667 or higher:** Valerie Aguirre, Andrew Cao, Alexander Knoll, Rachel Larson, Aidan McCrory, Thomas Rodier, Anna Smith. **Honors-3.2 or higher:** Daniel Alimo, John Cronin, Lauren Holtgren, Samuel Johnson, Will Koerner, Erik Larson, Nicholas McGrane, Ashley Niola, Andrew Poehling, Erin Powers, Caroline Reid, Thomas Shelstad, Thomas Stonehouse, Nicholas Tracy.
- **Congratulations to Nativity of Mary students in Bloomington Girls' Hockey players who maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA during the hockey season. Pictured on the front of the newsletter are:** Harper Poehling, Charlotte Bellmont and Quitzeli Garza (Not pictured is Anya Anderson.) Other Nativity students also earned this achievement: Gaby Bartfield, Yaretzi Garza, Erika Baker and Katherine Goedderz.
- **Congratulations to Nativity of Mary students in Kennedy Boys Hockey players who maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA during the hockey season:** Charlie Brovleit, Parker Renstrom, Noah Thornburg and Nate Vodovnik.

PRAYERS: Special prayers for families in transition, families who are moving, and those with illness effecting loved ones.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

MAY PEACE BE YOUR GIFT AT

Easter

