

News & Notes



Merry Christmas

Dear Nativity Families:

What a beautiful concert with Middle School students! Families were so impressed with the caliber of music shared at the concert. Your students are becoming such talented musicians! We are so blessed by Miss Emma Shukle and Dr. Marie Rule and thank them both for inspiring our students through music. We invite you to watch our concert on BECTV, check the schedule at: <http://www.bectv.org/cablecast/schedule/bec-tv>

This week was full of celebrations! On Tuesday we gathered for Mass on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with special music. We also showcased both our Kindergarten and 6th grade students. The Kindergarten students shared the story of "Los Posadas." Tomorrow, our 6th grade students will share a fun version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas!" They have two shows, one at 10:15 and one at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us!

Service is a part of Advent. Nativity of Mary School students have also participated in various service projects throughout Advent. Our Kindergarten shared "Kisses" with our preschool students and parish members. The 2nd grade class spread Christmas cheer at Summer House and our 3rd grade collected notes from all students to mail to veterans. Middle school packed food at "Feed My Starving Children" and partnered with younger students in special projects. We donated to Loaves & Fishes and thank you for your support in donating to VEAP with food donations on Mass days.

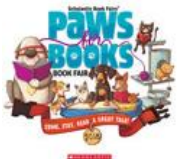
IN OUR CLASSROOMS: *See our enclosed spotlight, this month on Kindergarten!

- **Mrs. Carla Zenk will be coming back to Nativity of Mary School** - as a teaching assistant for Middle School. We are excited to welcome her back home. She will begin on January 2, 2018.
- **3M Partners with Nativity:** This year Nativity of Mary classes are partnering with 3M. Both 3rd Grade and 8th grade shared in special 3M learning experiences. We will have other educational programs with 3M throughout the year.
- **Robotics is in Session!** Did you know that Nativity of Mary has robotics now in session? Every Wednesday students are exploring the world of Robotics. This class will last for about six weeks. If you missed the sign up, watch for future programs.
- **Ozobots explored at Nativity!** Nativity 3rd and 4th grade students programmed Ozobots with Ms. Hartmann and Miss Walleser, programming the Ozobot robots to travel on a map to see Santa and explore the States!

NEW LUNCH VENDOR: Thanks for your feedback on our lunches, a new vendor will start as part of your feedback and state requirements. See the enclosed flier and menu.

NATIVITY SPECIAL EVENT REMINDERS-FRIDAY:

- **The 6th grade play, *Twas the Night Before Christmas*,** is Fri., Dec. 15 at both 10:15 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend in the Gathering Space.
- **Sing-A-Long:** Join us in the gym at 3:15 p.m. for our Nativity sing-a-long!



NATIVITY BOOK FAIR: We need your help! The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school during Catholic School's Week, Jan. 28th – Feb. 1st, 2018. Many volunteers are needed! Look for the flier in this week's Communication Folder to sign up to help. The Book Fair theme for 2018 is "Paws for Books – Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale" Readers will find purr-fect books and have a dog-gone good time at this season's Book Fair!

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DEC.15: Out-Of-Uniform

– Dress in red, green, or Christmas attire!

- **6th Grade Play** (10:15 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.) 3:15 p.m. All School Sing-A-Long

Dec.18-Jan. 1, 2018-NO SCHOOL HAPPY CHRISTMAS BREAK!

JAN. 2: School Resumes

JAN. 5: Spirit Wear Day!

MISSION: 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.

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52 CLUB RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: *This is our second main all-school fundraiser of the year.* All families are asked to sell the 10 tickets that went home in the communication folder. Tickets must be sold by January 8, 2018. **SIGN UP TO SELL AT PARISH MASSES!** ([Click here to sign up online.](#)) All sold and unsold tickets and cash or checks need to be returned on January 8th to the school office. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NATIVITY!**

NOMINATE A NATIVITY TEACHER: Love your child's teacher? We invite you to nominate a Nativity teacher for a Minnesota Educator award! Link: <https://www.educationminnesota.org/news/awards/teacher-of-the-year/nomination-form>

KUDOS:

- **PTO Holiday Boutique:** Thanks to our PTO Committee for the joyful PTO Holiday Boutique! It was such a fun way to do some Christmas shopping!
- **Bus Breakfast Committee:** Thank you to Laurie Nemanich for chairing this committing and all of the parents who volunteered, made food, and helped with this event. The 2nd and 6th grade singers were a sensation! The bus drivers so appreciate this event, thank you!
- **Emma Shukle & Dr. Marie Rule:** For the beautiful Middle School Christmas Concert.
- **Kindergarten Students:** They delivered "kisses" to all of our preschool students and the parish staff!

REMINDERS:

- **Recess:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)
- **Shutterfly Fundraising!** Planning to order Christmas cards? Order your Scrip Shutterfly cards first then go online to Shutterfly at: NativityofMary.ShutterflyStorefront.com Place your order at this site and Nativity receives a percentage back!
- **Amazon Shopping Helps Nativity!** You can order your Amazon scrip card, and then login to Smile Amazon to order your Christmas gifts. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/> choose Nativity of Mary School as your charity, and shop! We receive a percentage back.

IN YOUR FOLDER: In your folder this week, you will find...

- **Library Book Fair Flier**
- **Spotlight on Kindergarten Teachers**
- **New Lunch Vendor Announcement/Menus**
- **Various Community Education Fliers**

PRAYER: Join us in praying for ...Joy during the Advent Season; Those traveling for Christmas; Families who have lost a loved one, and for our families who have a loved one with ill health.

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