

News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

What a beautiful concert on Tuesday evening with our Preschool to Grade 5 students! Joy was truly evident as students sang favorite Christmas songs and shared the true message of Christmas. Special thanks to Emma Shukle, Dr. Marie Rule and Angie Bergquist for bringing the gift of music to our students.

IN OUR CLASSROOMS:

- **St. Nicholas visited, Wednesday!** He handed out candy canes to all of the students!
- **Students across the miles!** Our 1st & 2nd Grade Classes connected with friends across the nation and overseas. Nativity of Mary 1st grade continues to skype with students in New Zealand. The 2nd Grade classes traveled to Oklahoma again this week to share their learning. Each class in Minnesota and Oklahoma prepared presentations for one another about a subject they studied. The 2nd grade students will continue to stay in touch with their friends in Oklahoma as pen-pals.



NATIVITY SPECIAL EVENT REMINDERS:

- **Middle School Christmas Concert-Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7 p.m.** Please have students arrive by 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Bell students will get their gloves from the music room and will come back upstairs. Teachers will help line up students and be ready to go for the 7:00 concert. Students will sit with their class until the end of the concert.
- **6-8th Grade Band:** Band students should meet in the band room between 6:30-6:40 p.m. Mrs. Rule will bring the students upstairs.
- **Kindergarten Los Posadas:** Will be shared on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Gathering Space.
- **The 6th grade play, *Twas the Night Before Christmas*,** will be performed on Friday, December 15 at both 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Performances will be in the Gathering Space.



PTO HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: The Nativity of Mary PTO is hosting a Holiday Boutique. Come shop for that perfect gift from over 35+ vendors. Handmade gifts range from mittens, jewelry, clothing, olive wood carvings, decorative signs, honey, dog bones, soaps and much more. There will also be representatives from: *Thirty One, Mary Kay, Droolin Moose, Park Lane, Stella and Dot, Norwex, LuLaRoe* and many more. The Boutique will be set up in the Nativity of Mary School Gym at 9901 E. Bloomington Freeway.



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DEC. 7: Report Cards Coming Home (No Mass Today)

DEC.8: 9:45 Immaculate Conception Mass

DEC. 12: 9:45 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
7 p.m. – Middle School Christmas Concert

DEC. 13: 9 a.m. – Bus Driver Breakfast

DEC.14: 2 p.m. Kindergarten Los Posadas Play

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!

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.



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 last week. 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:

- **Rake-A-Thon-Leadership:** All of our Student Leadership team who took on one last house to rake!
- **8th Grade Students & Parents:** Who coordinated the first ever, "Photos with Santa" workshop! This was a joyous event with about 100 children attending to create the crafts, take photos, and enjoy treats. It looks like our profit will be around \$800 for the trip.
- **8th Grade Poinsettia Sales:** Thank you for supporting our 8th grade students with this sale! This event helped to raise around \$600 for the students.
- **Congratulations to Sarah Thornton and Family!** Sarah is our tutor and gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Clara Ann on Wednesday, Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas' Day!

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.
- **Christmas Scrip:** Order your Scrip by Dec. 13 and pick it up in the office for all of your Christmas shopping!
- **PTO Spirit Wear Sale Orders:** Should arrive at Nativity next week and sent home just in time for Christmas!
- **Santa's Mailbox:** Want to mail a letter to Santa? Drop off a letter to the school office. We will accept letters until December 15, 2017.

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

- **Student Progress Reports**
- **K & 1 Basketball Sign Up**
- **Notes from our School Nurse**
- **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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