



February 23, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Pennies for Patients wrapped up this week. We culminated this with “A Save for Cancer” event where three staff members attempted to make a “save” by catching the hockey puck and raising money to support children with cancer. Supporting others through prayer, service, and financial gifts is just one way that Nativity School weaves in Catholic social justice. We hope to mirror your home environment by supporting the important values of caring for others as Christ loves us.



THE SEASON OF LENT:

The Season of Lent is a reflective time. We will begin this preparatory time with Ash Wednesday Mass on March 1 at 9:45 a.m. Please join us for this celebration. In addition, students will be spending time in prayer at both Adoration and with the Rosary. We

will also gather for Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. on Friday’s. For our school-wide service project, the Nativity of Mary Student Leadership Team has chosen to collect pop tabs in order to support the Ronald McDonald Houses. PLEASE SAVE YOUR POP TABS!

NATIVITY PTO:

- **Parents, Teachers and Caretakers** - Please mark your calendars for a speaker event you won’t want to miss! The PTO is hosting a Parent Speaker night and has invited the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to further educate us on INTERNET AND CELL SAFETY! The speaker will help parents fill the gap when talking with their children about making safe choices with technology. The speaker goes beyond headline stories to provide accurate information on the problem and prevention steps to help prevent online exploitation of youth.

When: Thursday, March 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Nativity of Mary Cafeteria

- **Save the Date – March 21st:** The Spring Nativity of Mary School PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21 from 7-8 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All parents are welcome! Come join us as we formulate our vision statement and plan for our Spring and Summer events and activities!



(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

News & Notes



February 23: 6:30 p.m.
Middle School Information Night

February 27 & 28:
Kindergarten Visit Days-
Call to sign up to visit!
952.881.8160

March 1: ASH WEDNESDAY- Mass at 9:45 a.m.

March 3:

- Adoration 10-3 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.

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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:

- **SUPPORT NATIVITY-1st ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised \$25,815 toward our goal of \$50,000. We hope to reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share this letter to help our school reach our goal. ([Letter](#))
- **SPIRIT OF SPRING - April 29 (Save the date!):** Classes are making projects and individual donations or gifts of support are welcome. You can donate a service, a party, an item, or something that you create. Coming soon – raffle and registration tickets. Contact: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

REMINDERS:

- **YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS:** Order forms are online now in the attachments from several weeks ago, on the school website front page. Go through the attachment to find the “Yearbook Order Form”: [Forms](#)
- **REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** All registration materials were sent home and are on our school website. Return your registration at your earliest convenience. Some classes are limited. Apply for assistance online at: www.tads.com
 - **The Preschool 5 Day class has two spots.** There are limited spots for the 2-3 day classes. Register early!
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: “James and the Giant Peach”- Jr. Cast and Crew – First rehearsal is Monday, Feb. 27th after school.** All cast and crew must attend the first rehearsal of *James and the Giant Peach, Jr.* You will meet the directors, get general information about the play, receive your contracts, get rehearsal schedules, and participate in a read-through of the script. Contact Mrs. Tronnes or Mrs. Duerr if you have questions.
- **WE ARE LOOKING FOR “USED ON ONE SIDE” PAPER!** If you’ve used one side, but not the other, we would love your paper. This is great for young art projects and printing. Please bring to the office.

KUDOS:

- ✓ **Alexandra Rose Kapsner – for her beautiful handwriting.** Alexandra received the “Zaner-Bloser’ National Handwriting contest award and was the Nativity of Mary School winner!

PRAYERS: Special prayers for those who have been ill and families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Save the Date: Friday, March 31. 5th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival

Catch some fabulous food and fun at the Nativity of Mary Lenten Fish Fry Festival! Friday, March 31 from 4-9 p.m. Same great food and even more entertainment with the new Karaoke Party Lounge! There will be music, a meat raffle and free family movie in the gym. More details to come,

but mark it on your calendars today and tell your friends and family about this community event!

Volunteers Needed! Please lend a hand and sign up for a shift to help by contacting Clark Flowers at flowc@hotmail.com. Presented by the Nativity Men’s Club.



Benilde-St. Margaret’s: As a Catholic School partner, Benilde-St. Margaret’s Parent Association is pleased to invite you to take advantage of our Spring Plant Sale. Shop online now through April 4, 2017 at www.bsmschool.org/plants.

8th Grade Confirmation Visit Night

Nativity Families: We have rescheduled our 8th grade visit night for Confirmation to March 15. The purpose of this event is to give the 8th graders a sneak peek at what they will be doing for

Confirmation preparation at Nativity next year. I will also be hosting a parent information session that day as well. We start the evening with open youth room at 6:15, begin programming at 6:45 p.m. and end the night at 8:00 p.m. with adoration. Each Wednesday night meeting includes open youth room, games, a presentation, small groups, and adoration. I know that this will be an excellent opportunity to show students that Confirmation prep at Nativity is something to look forward to and that they will almost certainly progress on their path of discipleship. If you are interested in attending the 8th grade visit night on March 15 from 6:15-8:00 P.M. please contact John at JStute@NativityBloomington.org or call him at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316. This is even open to *all* youth who are intending on beginning their confirmation preparation in fall of 2017.

5-8th Grades - Extreme Faith Camp: *Extreme Faith Camp* is available for registration! This is a stupendous middle school summer youth camp for current 5th-8th graders. Camp this year will be on June 24-30 and will be hosted at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. The cost for Extreme Faith Camp is just \$275 per camper if you register before March 15 with a \$100 deposit. Sign up early as spots are limited! Please keep an eye out in the communication folder for a flyer with more

information and a permission form to register. Forms and information are also available in the parish office. For any questions about Extreme Faith Camp, please contact John at jstute@NativityBloomington.org or call him at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316.