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# Catholic Schools

February 2, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

**Celebrating Catholic Schools Week!**

By the time you read this, we will have gathered in our pajamas, shopped the Book Fair, learned about the stars and planets, tested our knowledge and enjoyed Bingo with our Pals. We hope you can join us for the remaining special events:

- **BOOK FAIR:** Friday, Feb. 3, or shop online! (Online: [Link](#))
- **Fri., Feb. 3: Clash Day...** Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game & Talent Show! Grades 6-7-8 Parents – Come have lunch with your child (bring a lunch!)



**YEARBOOK – We need photos:** We are looking for sports pictures for this year's yearbook. If you have any digital copies of pictures from Nativity soccer, volleyball, or basketball from this year, please send them to our yearbook advisor, Mr. Long at [dlong@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:dlong@nativitybloomington.org). Thank you!



**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE STUDENTS RECONCILIATION:** In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, students and families may participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. At this time we invite our school family to pray with us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** All registration materials were sent home in last week's folder. New this year, if you are already a K-8 family, we have merged your data onto our registration form. Please confirm that everything is correct, and return with your registration fee at your earliest convenience. Registration spots in classes is limited. Our preschool fills quickly, so do not wait to register! Our goal is to have everyone registered and tuition assistance forms completed by April 3, 2017. Go online at: [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com)

**GOT DENIM?** Nativity of Mary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is collecting anything denim as part of their focus on the "Corporal Works of Mercy. These jean items will be donated to Sharing & Caring Hands for people who need clothing. Drop off your items by Feb. 10 in the school office.



**"JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH":** Nativity of Mary Middle School students are invited to try out for the Spring musical. Tryouts will be held February 13, 14 or 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY DANCE:** We would love to hold a Family Dance in March. Typically it has been during Catholic Schools' Week, but this year we thought March would be a good time as the month has more available dates. WE NEED PARENTS – to plan this fun event. If you are interested in planning this with other parents on a "Family Dance Committee," please email me by February 17 at [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)

*(More news on the back of this Newsletter)*

## News & Notes



NATIVITY  
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SCHOOL

**February:** Pennies for Patients

**February 3:**

- 9:45 a.m. Volleyball Game (Teacher vs. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 1:30 p.m. Talent Show

**February 7:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Gr.2

**February 8:** Spirit of Spring Meeting-6:30 p.m. All invited!

**February 9:** Chicago Meetings

- 6:30-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents & Students
- 7:30-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents & Students

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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-1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised \$25,665 toward our goal of \$50,000. We hope to reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share this letter with families, grandparents, and relatives who may wish to support our school in order to help us reach our goal. ([Letter](#))
- **SPIRIT OF SPRING - April 29 (Save the date!):** Nativity of Mary hosts our most important fundraiser of the year each spring. This special, adult night out, is a time to socialize and raise critical dollars for our school. We are looking for great ideas. **Join us at our next meeting, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.**



## REMINDERS:

- **YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS:** Order forms are online now in the attachments from several weeks ago, on the school website – go through the attachment to find the “Yearbook Order Form”: ([Forms](#))
- **WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING INK CARTRIDGES.** Our representative is getting out of the business. His recommendation was to bring your cartridges to Office Max/Depot – where they will give you a ream of paper for recycling your ink cartridges. We will gladly accept reams of paper, instead.
- **AMAZON SMILE:** Do you know about Amazon Smile? When you order from Amazon, be sure to register under: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. By simply taking this extra step, our school receives a percentage of the profits!

## KUDOS:

- **Book Fair Volunteers & Kristi Riley:** For the coordination of our fantastic Book Fair! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to staff, set up and take down our fair.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Who shared their Science Fair projects at our Open House.
- **Student Choir Singers/Lectors/Gift Bears:** Who helped us create an inviting and rich, Catholic Schools’ Mass this past weekend at Nativity of Mary Church.
- **Special thanks to our Face Painters:** Cleotilde & Xochitl Amaro-Luna, Lynn & Evan Gray and Loured Loro – our children looked beautiful in their decorative colors!
- **Catholic Tutors:** Did you know that area, Catholic tutors volunteer their time at Nativity to support teachers and students? They are typically retired teachers and professionals within our area parishes who want to support Catholic schools. We want to thank them and are proud to have them assist our school!
- **Mr. Schild:** For coordinating all of our Geography Bee competitions! Congratulations to our winner, Tony Campion.

**PRAYERS:** Prayers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday for the first time. Special prayers for those who have been ill and are recovering. Prayers for families with special needs.

**BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)**



### **Opportunity for Young Women & Families: February 18 (8 to 4 p.m.)**

Nativity of Mary Church is hosting a Vocations for young women and families on Feb. 18 at the church. There will be an 8 a.m. Mass hosted by Bishop Cozzens, followed by time with Sisters to have a conversation and refreshments about what they do. Young women 16 years of age, or older, and their families are invited to this event. For more information and to register, go online at:

[www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org).