

February 9, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

**Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students.** We are so proud of them for preparing for the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us in praying for our students as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

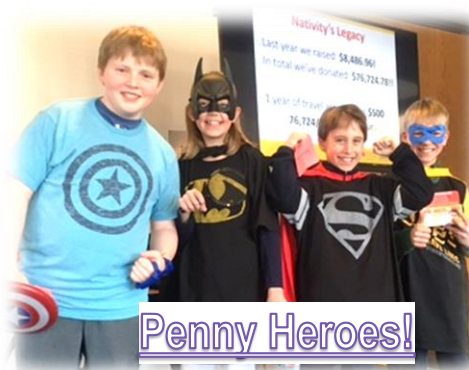
**REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** All registration materials were sent home and are on our school website. Return your registration at your earliest convenience. Some classes are limited and our preschool fills quickly. Apply for assistance online at: [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com)

**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.

**DROOLIN' MOOSE:** Did you order chocolate? Pick up in the school office by this 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Thanks!

**IN OUR CLASSROOMS:** We kicked off our "Pennies for Patients" collection. This is a voluntary event in February where students and families are invited to bring in money to support children with Leukemia.

- **Preschool:** Our preschool visited the Mall of American Underwater World.
- **K-5:** Explored the universe through the indoor Planetarium last week.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Continues to study our Saints, creating digital presentations.
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Created a collage for part of the Language Arts studies.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Is building remote control cars to meet engineering standards. These cars will drive our 4<sup>th</sup> grade state projects down our hallway for our State Parade!



**FAMILY DANCE:** We would love to hold a Family Dance in March. 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)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Congratulations to two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who received the Benilde-St. Margaret's Red Knight Achiever Award! Ian Cremers and Makae Brieschke were honored on January 25 at Benilde for their academic success and service.

- **Middle School Homework Calendar:** Nativity teachers have made the homework list easier to find through a joint calendar. Check it out on our school website, scroll down for your child's grade: ([MS Calendar](#))
- **"JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH"-Auditions for MS:** Tryouts will be held February 13, 14 or 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:15–5:30 pm in the Music Room. Parents should pick students up at Door #10 (playground doors) after auditions. SIGN UP is in the hallway.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in our Stations of the Cross performances. Please see the letter to parents regarding this. ([Link](#))

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

# News & Notes



**February:** Pennies for Patients Drive

**February 9:** Chicago Meetings

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

**February 10:** Science Museum Presentation for K-5 grades

**February 14:** Out of Uniform for Valentine's Day! Come in red or pink!

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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 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. Send an email letting us know how you wish to support this important fundraiser! Coming soon – raffle and registration tickets. Contact: [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org) Watch for the form to donate next week!

## 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 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 advisory, Mr. Long at [dlong@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:dlong@nativitybloomington.org).
- **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:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers, Father Zehren & Lisa Bromschwig:** Thank you for assisting in preparing our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are blessed and so proud of our students.
- **CONGRATS TO OUR TALENTED STUDENTS!** I was so impressed with the confidence, skill, talent and poise of our students during the talent show. What a gift your students are to the Nativity school family.

**PRAYERS:** Prayers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Special prayers for those who have been ill and families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Prayers for families with special needs.

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

### **INFORMATION & REGISTRATION EVENTS**

- **Preschool  
& Kindergarten**  
**Feb. 22: 5:30-7 p.m.**
- **Middle School**  
**Feb. 23: 6:30 p.m.**



**NATIVITY of MARY SCHOOL**  
**Creative Clubhouse**  
Summer Program  
Ages 4 1/2 - 12  
**Swimming! Field Trips!**  
**Theme Days!**  
Registration is now open  
for **Summer 2017!**  
Click here to learn more



### **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).

**Saturday Night Alive:** Saturday Night Alive is back at Nativity of Mary this month on Sat., Feb. 18. Join us for an amazing night of games, free food, Mass, and fun! This month we will be playing Noodle Hockey, Noodle Knights, and Protect the President! Don't miss out. We are meeting in the gathering space at Nativity at 3:45 P.M. and will end the night at 8:00 P.M. There is no charge for this event and if you have any further questions, please contact John Stute at [JStute@NativityBloomington.org](mailto:JStute@NativityBloomington.org) or call at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316

**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 24-26 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 check your email for more details and to download a registration form. For questions about Extreme Faith Camp, please contact John Stute at [JStute@NativityBloomington.org](mailto:JStute@NativityBloomington.org) or call at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316.