

# NATIVITY of MARY SCHOOL

## Winter Open House

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

January 12, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

**Student learning shined this week at Nativity of Mary School!** The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class hosted their science fair this week. Their project is the culmination of 8 weeks of studying, testing, and documenting results. They shared their projects with the entire student body and staff, discussing how they came to their conclusions. We are so proud of each student for how well they shared their project and all of their work to achieve their results. Watch for an upcoming article and possibly a video in the *Bloomington Sun Current* newspaper and website about our Nativity Science Fair.

All Nativity 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to share their project and results at our January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Winter Open House event. Stop by to see their work! Five of the projects were selected by judges to compete at the Regional and State levels: *Nuala Foley; Megan Hoaglund; Gretchen Holland; Olivia Lewis; and Abby Machtig*. We wish these students the best as they move forward with additional competitions.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK – January 29-February 3:** Join us for all of our events during Catholic Schools' Week. Our student leadership team created the enclosed flier outlining the week's activities. We look forward to a fantastic week. We are especially excited to step into the "Explore-A-Dome" inside Planetarium thanks to a grant from the Richard Schulze Foundation and Catholic Schools' Center of Excellence. Students in K-6 will be learning about the stars, planets, space, and our universe.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Our Preschool classes are "Under the Sea" studying the aquatic animals of our oceans. Watch for their artwork on the walls as they dive under to learn and explore. Our preschool classes will be traveling to "Sea Life: Minnesota Aquarium at the Mall of America."

**SUPPORT NATIVITY WITH A GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND:** Nativity of Mary School is kicking off our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fund, to replace the Schulz Foundation Grant matched last year. This year, our goal is to raise \$50,000 by June 1, 2017. If you can make a donation, or have a family member who wishes to support the school, please share the letter on our school website. ([Letter](#))



(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

## News & Notes



**January 16: NO SCHOOL**

**January 22: Students sing at St. Edward's Church**

**January 25: Nativity Student Bell Choir performs at MOA – Sears Court at 2 p.m.**

**January 29: WINTER EVENT & OPEN HOUSE!**

**January 30: NO SCHOOL**

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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.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** Our registration for the next school year kicks off at our "Winter Open House" on January 29, 2017. All registration materials will be available for your family by this date.

**YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS:** We are excited to announce that families can start ordering your yearbooks, and this year, the price is only \$16! We have worked with *Josten's* to create a similar book at a more affordable price. Also new this year, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is designing our Nativity Yearbook pages, under the direction of Mr. Long. So don't miss out! Order forms are in this week's *Communication Folder*.

**REMINDERS:**

- **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY!**
- **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.*

**KUDOS:**

- **Thank you for collecting BoxTops for Education!** We received a check for \$1,164.60! Keep sending them in!
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents** – who helped to support our students throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair school project.
- **Bus #160 students** – who helped the new driver learn their route (the bus driver came in to personally thank our students!)
- **Joan McCrory** – who coordinated our Dine Out night at Chipotle! We raised \$300.93 to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago trip. **THANK YOU FOR DINING FAMILIES!**

**PRAYERS:** Special prayers for those who have been ill and are recovering.

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



**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Saturday Night Alive** is back on January 21st at St. Bonaventure in Bloomington from 4:00-8:00 P.M. This is open to all students in grades 6-8 so please join us for an amazing day of games, pizza, and faith! Please let John know if you are interested in joining us. He can be reached at [Jstute@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:Jstute@nativitybloomington.org) or 952-881-8671 Ext. 316. - **God Bless, John Stute**

**JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Jan. 12: 6:30 p.m.:** Parents will hear a presentation about Jefferson and Honors/AP courses. This is not intended for students.

**DELASALLE OPEN HOUSE – Jan. 18:** Open House for Prospective Families is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, from 7:00-9:00 pm. This is the best opportunity for families to learn a lot about DeLaSalle in one visit. The "early decision" application deadline for the 2017-18 school year is Friday, February 10. To learn more about the application process, to access application materials, set up a student shadow visit, or to complete a Financial Aid Application, please go to <http://delasalle.com/admissions/applying-for-admissions/>.