



NATIVITY of MARY SCHOOL

Winter Open House

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

January 19, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Nativity students continue to use the STEM process to explore! The Kindergarten classes explored Geo-boards, marble mania and coding this past week. Our students are growing in knowledge and creativity while they grow in their faith. Share the Nativity difference with friends and invite them to our Winter Open House.



SUPPORT NATIVITY: Nativity of Mary School's new fundraiser is our 1st Annual Fund, to replace the Schulz Foundation Grant matched last year (they are not matching this year.) Our goal is to raise \$50,000 by June 1, 2017. Share this letter with families who may wish to support our school. ([Letter](#))



DID YOU KNOW? Our 3rd Grade classes are doing STEM Challenges? During their science studies, students have been creating, exploring, solving and inventing! Check us out online. Pictured are a few students receiving feedback from their peers to improve their designs. #thirdgraderocks

SPIRIT OF SPRING - "Nativity Fundraising Event" - 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 dollars for our school. Our theme this year is "Las Vegas! It's no gamble with God!" For this fun event we will have games of skill (Texas Hold 'Em), the "Money Booth" and even a surprise visit from a famous performer! SAVE THE DATE! We want everyone to attend!



Last year, thanks to the great committee that we had, over \$60,000 was raised to support educational needs and over \$25,000 was brought in for our "Fund-A-Need," the *Guided Reading* set that our teachers are now using in their classrooms. This year, we invite you to help us plan the best spring fundraising event ever! We specifically are looking for:

- People who like to decorate
- Volunteers who like to put together "Silent Auction" baskets

If you like to decorate, love auctions, or have helped with other similar fundraisers, WE NEED YOU! Please email: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org. Our next meeting is February 8 at 6:30 p.m. family by this date. (*More news on the back of this Newsletter*)

News & Notes



January 20: Ski Club

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!

- Book Fair
- Registration Open to Prek-8 Grades

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 you

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK – January 29-February 3: Join us for all of our events during Catholic Schools’ Week. We need more families to participate in our weekend Masses and events. **TO VOLUNTEER AT MASSES OR THE OPEN HOUSE – [Click here \(Form\)](#)** If you already sent in the blue CSW paper form, do not fill out again.

- **Sun., Jan. 22:** Sing at St. Edward’s Church – 10:30 a.m. Mass (Join us!)
- **Sun., Jan. 29:** Participate in all parts of Mass – 10:30 a.m. Then join us for the fantastic Winter Open House Event – with the Minnesota Zoo and “Frozen” princesses. If you can volunteer, sign up at the above link.
- **Mon., Jan. 30:** NO SCHOOL
- **Tues., Jan. 31:** Pajama Day!
- **Wed., Feb. 1:** Homeroom Theme Day (Check with your child’s teacher) “ExplorADome” – indoor planetarium for PreK 5 Day to Grade 5.
- **Thurs., Feb. 2:** 9:45 a.m. Mass-Dress in uniform for Mass, but put a letter on your outfit, or bring a shirt with a letter on it to change into! Scrabble Day and Bingo with Pals group.
- **Fri., Feb. 3:** Clash Day...Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game & Talent Show!

REMINDERS:

- **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 8th grade class is designing our Nativity Yearbook pages, under the direction of Mr. Long. So don’t miss out! Order forms are online now in the attachments from last week’s newsletter, on the school website: [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.*

PRAYERS: Special prayers for those who have been ill and are recovering. Prayers for families with special needs.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Saturday Night Alive is back on January 28 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! This month's activities include wack 'em, sardines, and a gaga ball tournament! This is going to be a lot of fun, I hope to see you there! Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. He can be reached at Jstute@nativitybloomington.org or 952-881-

8671 Ext. 316. - **God Bless, John Stute**

WE NEED A HOST FAMILY! This student would love to come to Nativity, here is his story: **Junsoo** (5th grade, male): Flexible, easy-going, and sociable, this 5th grade boy is excited to study in the US starting as soon as possible this Spring semester in order to learn more about American culture. His interests include piano, puzzles, soccer, swimming, and magic. Favorite foods include spaghetti, fish, and pizza. He has a very positive attitude, is an excellent student, and loves getting involved in whatever is available. **Call to be a host: Haewon Park at [720-339-7710](tel:720-339-7710) (cell), or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640)**

