



NATIVITY of MARY SCHOOL
Winter Open House
Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

January 26, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Are you ready for Catholic School's Week? Join us for all of our events during Catholic Schools' Week.

- **BOOK FAIR:** Sunday, Jan. 29-Friday, Feb. 3 – Don't forget to shop! ([Link](#))
- **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.
- **Mon., Jan. 30: NO SCHOOL**
- **Tues., Jan. 31: Pajama Day!** Prek-Gr.1-Lunch with your child (bring a lunch!)
- Davanni's Dine Out Night! 4-8 p.m. from Bloomington
- **Wed., Feb. 1: Homeroom Theme Day** (Check with your child's teacher)
"ExplorADome"–Indoor planetarium for PreK 5 Day to Grade 5.
Gr. 2-3-Have lunch with your child (bring a lunch!)
- **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. Gr. 4-5-Have lunch with your child (bring a lunch!)
- **Fri., Feb. 3: Clash Day**...Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game & Talent Show!
Gr. 6,7, 8-Have lunch with your child (bring a lunch!)

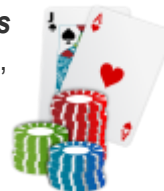
THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY: Every week students at Nativity are enriched through academic excellence and spiritual growth. Here's a look at a few of the activities this week:

- **Preschool:** Field trip to SEA World
- **K-2 Grades:** Mid-year standardized assessments. Results will be shared with families at conferences and will help guide teacher interventions.
- **Middle School Bell Choir:** Performed at the Mall of America
- **8th Grade:** Completed Iowa Basics Assessment as part of the District requirements for two national test scores.

INTRODUCING THE NATIVITY "Literary Magazine"-THE KNIGHT REVIEW: Nativity of Mary students submitted articles, artwork, and poems to create our first Literary Magazine. This publication showcases student work, edited by Nativity staff. We are so proud to share with you both online and in the school office our Nativity of Mary "KNIGHT REVIEW." If you would like a paper copy, please email: whagerty@nativitybloomington.org

SUPPORT NATIVITY-1st ANNUAL FUND: To date we have raised \$25,665 toward our goal of \$50,000 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 dollars for our school. Our theme this year is "Las Vegas! It's no gamble with God!" We want everyone to attend! 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.



(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

News & Notes



January 29: WINTER EVENT & OPEN HOUSE!

- Book Fair
- Registration Open to Prek-8 Grades

January 30: NO SCHOOL

January 31: Davanni's Dine Out Night 4-8 p.m.

February: Pennies for Patients

February 8: Spirit of Spring Meeting-6:30 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.

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18: Our registration for the next school year kicks off at our “Winter Open House” on January 29, 2017. Your registration information is in this week’s Communication Folder. New this year, if you are already a K-8 family, we have merged your data into our registration form. Please confirm that everything is correct, and return with your registration fee. Our goal is to have everyone registered and tuition assistance forms completed by April 3, 2017. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are thankful to our School Advisory Council and Parish Finance Board for keeping our tuition low with only a \$10 increase per month for families with one student, and a \$20 increase per month for families with two students.

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 two weeks ago, 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.*
- **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!

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. **Call to be a host: Haewon Park at [720-339-7710](tel:720-339-7710) (cell), or [800-521-6640](tel:800-521-6640)**

