



January 5, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Nativity Families:

Blessings to you and your family in the New Year! As we begin January, we ask for your prayers for our 2nd grade students who are preparing for the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation. As they learn about this important step in their faith, we ask that you join our school staff in praying for our students.

Remember the toys and socks you collected for St. Vincent de Paul? These toys and socks were distributed to families in the greater Metropolitan area by Minneapolis Police Departments Bike Cops for Kids and the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis. This distribution was in partnership with KSTP Channel 5 News, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the students at Nativity of Mary School in Bloomington, bringing Christmas joy and magic to hundreds of children. (Pictured above is one of the photos of the officers.)



Jesus.

NATIVITY CELEBRATES THE EPIPHANY: Primary students will gather tomorrow for a special service to continue our Christmas celebration – the 12th day of Christmas on Friday, January 6. Students will learn about the three Magi who visited

STAFF BLESSINGS: Nativity of Mary School is blessed by a dedicated teaching staff. Nativity staff makes an impact on students' lives. This year, I am announcing the retirement of two dedicated Nativity staff: Mr. Pat Bohman (middle school math) and Mrs. Terri Riehm (tutor). Both have announced their retirement. We will host a celebration of their years of service in the spring for families to attend.

SUPPORT NATIVITY WITH A GIFT TO THE ANNUAL FUND: Nativity of Mary School is kicking off our 1st 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](#))

CHIPOTLE 8th GRADE FUNDRAISER: Mon., Jan 9th (5-9pm) France Avenue

Come and have a Chipotle dinner while supporting the 8th grade class. Half of all proceeds goes directly towards the 8th grade Chicago trip. Look for the flyer on the school website ([Flyer](#))

- **Make sure to show the official flyer** or tell the cashier at checkout that you are there for the Nativity fundraiser before you pay! You must tell the cashier or Nativity won't get credit.
- **YES, you can use scrip toward your purchase!!** If placing an order online, please note you must choose the "pay in-store" option and inform the cashier of your participation before paying. This will ensure your order is counted towards the Nativity fundraiser.



(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

News & Notes



NATIVITY
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January 6: Nativity Spirit Wear Day !

January 9: CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER 5-9 pm

January 10: Nativity of Mary 7th Grade Science Fair

January 16: NO SCHOOL

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

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

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.

REMINDERS:

- **LOOKING FOR A CLASSROOM RUG/CARPET!** We are looking for a carpet or rug for some classrooms. If you have a rug or carpet to share, please email tprusha@nativitybloomington.org or lmiller@nativitybloomington.org
- **Ski Club:** Starts this Friday! Send in your form to participate.
- **Student Talent Show:** Still time to sign up! Auditions are on January 20. Forms are available in the 12-18 newsletter on the school website.
- **School Bus Rules:** In this communication folder is the School Bus Safety Rules. Although students reviewed these and practiced bus safety in the fall, January is a great time for a refresher. This information was dropped off by Bloomington transportation.
- **Spirit Wear Day** – Friday, January 6 is our monthly “Nativity of Mary Spirit Wear Day!”

KUDOS:

- Thank you for collecting BoxTops for Education! We received a check for \$1,164.60! Keep sending them in!

PRAYERS: For students and staff as we transition back to the school schedule. Special prayers for those who have been ill and recovering.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



NATIVITY of MARY SCHOOL

Winter Open House

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017

Meet Anna & Elsa

Winter Animals from the MINNESOTA ZOO

FREE EVENT!

FROZEN

All Families Welcome!

Explore our campus • Meet teachers & students • Discover Excellence!



JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monday-January 12: 6:30 p.m.

Parents will hear a presentation about Jefferson and Honors/AP courses. This is not intended for students.

Friday, **January 6** - Minute to Win It Pizza Party for 8th Graders - 6:00 PM

HOLY ANGELS EVENTS, REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Thursday, **January 12** - Winter Open House - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, **January 18** - Future Star Day

Saturday, **January 21** - Placement Exam, Financial Assistance Workshop and First Round Application Deadline

