

News & Notes



June 1, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

I am writing the final newsletter of the 2016-17 school year from Chicago where Father Zehren and I are with the 8th grade graduating students. This class trip celebrates their years at Nativity, bringing the students together one last time to learn, to grow spiritually, and to connect with one another. What a joy to be with our students.

On behalf of all of the Nativity staff, I want to thank you, our 8th grade parents, for your commitment and partnership throughout these foundational years. From volunteering at many events, to supporting fundraisers, assisting teachers, and chaperoning, you have truly made a difference at our school. In return, we know that the gift of a Catholic education is a precious gift and will always support your child. As your child moves on to high school and college, Nativity will hold each student fondly in our memories, and our prayers. It is always with great joy that we welcome students back as future teachers, tutors, and Catholic school supporters. Our network is strong because our mission is based on the love of Jesus Christ. I am honored to be a part of the Nativity family now for a second school year.



WELCOME NEW 4th GRADE TEACHER – Kayla Walleser: Miss Walleser comes to Nativity of Mary from LaSalle Catholic School in Iowa where she has been a 3-4 Multiage Classroom teacher since 2014. She received her BA from Loras College and is a Minnesota licensed, K-6 teacher with an additional K-12 Reading License. Miss Walleser's teaching philosophy includes this statement: "Sparking students' interest is the first and foremost task of any teacher. My classroom is full of hands-on practices where students see their brains at work and also see their knowledge growing. My students have opportunities to have an adventure each day." We are excited to welcome Miss Walleser to Nativity.

JOIN US FOR NATIVITY K-5 FIELD DAY: Next Tuesday, June 6th from 1:00-3:30 p.m.! Join the Nativity school community in kicking off the summer with playing some good ole' fashion games with the kids and join in the first ever family fun run or stand by and cheer on the students!

- 1:00: Let the Games begin: eraser tag, 3 legged relays, beach ball races, water balloon toss, tug-a-war, fill the bucket, human tic-tac-toe and many more.
- 3:00: First annual **FAMILY Fun Run** at 3:00. (I'm sure your student is begging you to come so that their class can win that fabulous candy cake sitting in the office) We must not disappoint!
- 3:20: Ice Cream treats
- 3:30: Students back to class to end the school year and parents will tear down the Field Day games.



Can you volunteer? We could use a few more parents ([Sign up online-Click](#)).



May 30-June 2: 8th Grade Chicago Trip

June 1 & 2: Kindergarten Graduations

June 2: Spirit Wear Day

June 2: Preschool Party

June 5:

- **OUT OF UNIFORM**
- **Bag Lunch**
- **3-4-5 Grades to Skateville**

June 6: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- **OUT OF UNIFORM**
- **Bag Lunch**
- **Field Day**

June 15-17: Nativity Garage Sale

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.



UNIFORM COMMITTEE UPDATE: 2017-18: Did you remember that beginning in 2017-18, the Nativity of Mary School logo is mandatory for all uniform tops? Two years ago, the uniform committee rolled out this plan to update our uniform, and to better market our school. Starting this summer, take your uniform polos to Educational Outfitters where they will add the school logo. They also have new shirts and in last week's flier are offering a two for one special. Just ask the employees or go online at: <http://minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com/>

- **NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ZIPPER JACKET:** Next year, middle school can order a special, zipper jacket. Order from Educational Outfitters at: <http://minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com/>
- **SPIRIT WEAR DAYS:** Will continue to be held each first Friday of the month. You may order spirit wear from both Educational Outfitters and Bloomington Custom Embroidery. Both are listed online at: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/uniform--spirit-wear.html>

NATIVITY YEARBOOKS: There is still a limited quantity of Nativity 2017 yearbooks available if you have not purchased one. Books are available in the school office for only \$16.

GARAGE SALE: June 15-17! SPREAD THE WORD. In this week's communication folder you will notice a Garage Sale flyer. The garage sale committee is asking your help in circulating around the Bloomington/nearby suburb area. Please reach out in the community and visit your grocery stores, libraries, daycare centers, hair salons, churches other than Nativity of Mary, Walgreens and other local businesses near school and your neighborhood. Ask our local businesses to help us advertise by posting for the public to see. This is our most important fundraiser and this would be a tremendous help in helping us to market our event!

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **7th Grade Students are working hard on this year's Garage Sale.** *Bring in your items or call the office to help!* Nativity of Mary Garage sale is June 15-17. Sign up to help and drop off your wonderful items for the sale!
- **Annual Fund:** \$44,186 toward our goal of \$50,000.

REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE:

- **Immunizations and sports physicals for students entering 7th grade in the Fall:** A friendly reminder that immunizations and sports physicals are due before the start of 7th grade in the fall. Packets went home last month in the communication folders with information regarding this. Please let Becky Rodier know if you have any questions, or if you need another packet sent home with your child.
- **Medications and emergency health plans for the 2017-18 school year:** All medication orders and health plans expire at the end of each school year. New paperwork was sent home in the communication folders last month to those who had medications and/or health plans this past year. Please review this paperwork with your child's physician over the summer and submit by the first day of the school in the fall. A reminder that if your child carries an inhaler in his/her backpack, we need to have a copy of the asthma action plan or an MD note authorizing this. Please contact Becky Rodier if you have any questions or need paperwork sent home.



PRAYERS: For a beautiful summer with your family. May you find the joy of time together, the peace of summer's relaxing evenings and starlit nights, and the renewal of God's forgiveness through the seasons.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Extreme Faith Camp: We have just a few spots left for our middle school Extreme Faith Camp which runs from June 26-30 at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. Nativity Church will also host **Summer Stretch** on July 10, 12, 25, 27. Summer stretch is four days of service in the morning and fun in the afternoon. Please contact John for more details at JStute@nativitybloomington.org or 952-881-8671 Ext. 316