



March 16, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Welcome to Ruby, our new 7th grade student. Please introduce yourself and help her and her family feel a part of our school family.

Thank you for attending conferences this past week. If you were not able to attend, but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please email them to schedule an individual conference. Your child's report card is enclosed in this Communication Folder.



SPIRIT OF SPRING - April 29 (6-11:30 p.m.) Las Vegas Style!

Join us for the most entertaining Nativity event of the year, and help to earn essential funds for Nativity students! What is planned for this year?

♥♣ Games of Skill! ♥♣ Music by "Elvis"

♥♣ **Silent Auction, Treasure Tree, Buy-Ins & Teacher Treasures** – featuring student art creations, donations from area businesses, and special events

♥♣ **Live Auction** – Bid on a stay in Las Vegas, Principal for a Day, and Nativity concert seats!

Fund-A-Need: Supporting science and STEM educational programs at Nativity. **HELP SUPPORT SCIENCE!**

Please register to attend and keep selling your raffle tickets! We are still looking for basket donations and volunteers. Forms online:

<http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>



STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES: As part of our Strategic Plans for the next five years, Nativity of Mary continues to evaluate current programs, academics, and services for our families. One of the areas that we would like to have your feedback is our lunch program. Please take a few minutes and complete this survey. **We would like answers by**

March 17. Link for Lunch: [Survey](#) We will continue with our other Strategic Plan objectives, listed on our website for your review. Please email Mindy Reeder with further thoughts and plans for our school.

IN ADDITION – Another area of the Strategic Plan goal is to increase enrichment opportunities. This year we added our Maker Space and STEM instruction. As part of that, we are also offering the Lego classes – with another class added! See the flier.

(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

News & Notes



March 17: Out of Uniform – St. Patrick's Day

March 21: PTO Event-7 to 8 p.m. ALL FAMILIES INVITED!

March 24: Barkow students are Principal for a Day! It is an "Out-of-Uniform" day!

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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.

LENT: We continue on our Lenten Journey this week. Please join us in additional prayer time. This Thursday we will have student confessions. On Friday we have Adoration and Stations of the Cross. Last Friday, our 3rd grade classes hosted Stations of the Cross.



NATIVITY Parent-Teacher-Organization (PTO): Join Us – March 21st: The Spring Nativity of Mary School PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21 from 7-8 p.m. in the Gathering Space. All parents are welcome. Come help us plan for the future including parent summer events.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - BABYSITTING OPPORTUNITY: All MS students interested in helping with our Spring Auction by donating a free night of babysitting, please contact Mrs. Meyer (pmeyer@nativitybloomington.org). This is a great way to help our school AND connect with young families who will be looking for more babysitting this summer! Students can sign up in pairs to babysit for a family. You will be connected with a family and information will be exchanged. **WE HOPE YOU WILL HELP!**

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **Support the 1st Nativity Annual Fund:** To date we have raised **\$42,306** toward our goal of **\$50,000**. We hope to reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share this letter with to help our school reach our goal. ([Letter](#))
- **Spirit of Spring:** Visit the Spirit of Spring web page to sign up, get involved, make a donation, attend the event, or support the Fund A Need! <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>

REMINDERS:

- **REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** All registration materials were sent home and are on our school website. Return your registration early – Deadline April 3. Please email Mindy Reeder to set a meeting with any questions: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org Some classes are limited. Apply for assistance online at: www.tads.com
 - **The Preschool 5 Day class is full.** There are limited spots for the 2-3 day classes. Register early!
- **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** – This program continues in Physical Education classes this month. Students will be jumping rope, and families have the option to support “healthy heart” research and education with donations.

KUDOS:

- **PARENTS THANK YOU FOR STAFF MEALS!** Thanks to all of the parents who brought in the delicious food for our conference meals. We so appreciate your time and support.

PRAYERS: Special prayers for the new students in our school.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Keep selling Fish Fry tickets! In the school communication folders last week you received 10 tickets along with all the details on how you can help support Nativity by selling fish fry festival tickets. There are several prizes your kids can win with first place getting \$100, plus four day passes to Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America! Plus everyone wins out of uniform passes! **More tickets available in the school office.** Presale of fish fry tickets ends Monday, March 27th.

Fish Fry Volunteers Needed – March 31st: To make this annual festival happen it requires many volunteers. There are several areas and time slots to work with – bartenders, ticket takers, food servers, cooks, concessions, and more. Please lend a hand and sign up for a shift by contacting Clark Flowers at flowc@hotmail.com. Also, if you would like to donate prizes for the kid games, we would love new DVDs from the “value bins” at Target/Walmart, \$5 gift cards or other prizes. Contact Daryl Guthmiller at gufmiller@gmail.com to make a donation or drop them off at the school office.



Extreme Faith Camp: June 26-30, 2017 - Grades 5-8 - Please turn in your early registration forms for Extreme Faith Camp by March 15 to ensure your spot and to qualify for the \$100 early bird discount! Extra forms can be found in the parish and school offices. Please contact John Stute with any questions that you may have about Extreme Faith Camp!