



March 2, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Thank you to the many families who joined us for Ash Wednesday as we begin the Lenten Journey together. You are also welcome to come every Friday for Adoration, all day, and the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. Nativity of Mary celebrates the Stations of the Cross through various formats including Living Stations, Shadow Stations, and more. The school-wide service project for Lent is in partnership with Bloomington Knights of Columbus and chosen by our Nativity Student Leadership Team. Please collect pop tabs and drop them off at school. The top grade will earn a Pizza Party, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

NATIVITY Parent-Teacher-Organization:

- **Parents, Teachers and Caretakers** – Join us tonight for the first “Parent Speaker Education” night. We will have a speaker from the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to inform us on INTERNET AND CELL PHONE SAFETY!

When: Thursday, March 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Nativity of Mary Cafeteria

- **Save the Date – 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIVITY STUDENTS!



Handwriting: This past week we had several of our students receive additional awards. In 4th grade, Alexandra Kapsner, pictured at the left, was awarded a State handwriting certificate by Zaner-Bloser. Her work will now go on to the national competition.



Science: In Middle School, four students from our school-wide science fair competed at the Regional level. Congratulations to Nuala Foley, Olivia Lewis, Paige Flowers and Abby Machtig. In addition, Nuala Foley and Abby Machtig were selected to compete at the State Level Competition and received the Broadcom Masters Award (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising

Stars) where they can also compete, nationally with their projects. Nativity students shine!

NATIVITY IS LOOKING FOR A HOST FAMILY THIS SPRING! You get paid to host a student. Taewoo, an 8th grade student is looking for a host family. He is outgoing, warm, flexible, organized. This Catholic boy has won awards in track, drawing cartoons, and math, and served as class president. His favorite subjects are Art, PE, Music. He likes to play soccer and bowling, and composes music in his spare time. He has a positive attitude and would like to make American friends. He would like to come for our spring trimester. Call right away! (952) 217-5510. *(More news on the back of this Newsletter)*

News & Notes



March 2: Parent Speaker

March 3:

- Spirit Wear Day!
- Adoration 10-3 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross 3 p.m.

March 10: End of Second Trimester

March 13 & 14:

NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 13 (4-8 p.m.)
March 14 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

March 17: Out of Uniform – St. Patrick’s 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.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **SUPPORT NATIVITY-1st ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised \$29,815 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 - April 29 (Save the date!):** Classes are making projects and individual donations or gifts of support are welcome. You can donate a service, a party, an item, or something that you create. IN THIS WEEK'S FOLDER is your personal invitation, raffle tickets and registration form. PLAN TO JOIN THE FUN!

REMINDERS:

- **REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18:** All registration materials were sent home and are on our school website. Return your registration at your earliest convenience. 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!
- **WE ARE LOOKING FOR "USED ON ONE SIDE" PAPER!** If you've used one side, but not the other, we would love your paper. This is great for young art projects and printing. Please bring to the office.

KUDOS:

- **Mrs. Angie Flynn, Middle School Science Teacher** – for supporting and preparing our Science Fair competitors.
- **Ellen Tronnes, Emma Shukle, Richard Schild, Rita Duerr & Megan Thorpe** – For assisting with the Middle School Musical auditions.

PRAYERS: Special prayers for those who have been ill and families who have experienced the death of a loved one.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Save the Date: Friday, March 31. 5th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival

Catch some fabulous food and fun at the Nativity of Mary Lenten Fish Fry Festival! Friday, March 31 from 4-9 p.m. Same great food and even more entertainment with the new Karaoke Party Lounge! There will be music, a meat raffle and free family movie in the gym. More details to come,

but mark it on your calendars today and tell your friends and family about this community event!

Volunteers Needed! Please lend a hand and sign up for a shift to help by contacting Clark Flowers at flowc@hotmail.com. Presented by the Nativity Men's Club.



Benilde-St. Margaret's: As a Catholic School partner, Benilde-St. Margaret's Parent Association is pleased to invite you to take advantage of our Spring Plant Sale. Shop online now through April 4, 2017 at www.bsmschool.org/plants.

8th Grade Confirmation Visit Night

Nativity Families: We have rescheduled our 8th grade visit night for Confirmation to **March 15**.

The purpose of this event is to give the 8th graders a sneak peek at what they will be doing for Confirmation preparation at Nativity next year. I will also be hosting a parent information session that day as well. We start the evening with open youth room at 6:15, begin programming at 6:45 p.m. and end the night at 8:00 p.m. with adoration. Each Wednesday night meeting includes open youth room, games, a presentation, small groups, and adoration. I know that this will be an excellent opportunity to show students that Confirmation prep at Nativity is something to look forward to and that they will almost certainly progress on their path of discipleship. If you are interested in attending the 8th grade visit night on March 15 from 6:15-8:00 P.M. please contact John at JStute@NativityBloomington.org or call him at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316. This is even open to *all* youth who are intending on beginning their confirmation preparation in fall of 2017.

5-8th Grades - Extreme Faith Camp: *Extreme Faith Camp* is available for registration! This is a stupendous middle school summer youth camp for current 5th-8th graders. Camp this year will be on **June 24-30** and will be hosted at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls, MN. The cost for Extreme Faith Camp is just \$275 per camper if you register before March 15 with a \$100 deposit. Sign up early as spots are limited! Please keep an eye out in the communication folder for a flyer with more information and a permission form to register. Forms and information are also available in the parish office. For an questions about Extreme Faith Camp, please contact John at jstute@NativityBloomington.org or call him at 952-881-8671 Ext. 316.