



March 23, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

We are now in our 4th week of Lent with the Easter celebration just around the corner. Our pop tab bins are full, students have been gathering for prayers and the Rosary, and continue to share the story of the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Join us this Friday for Shadow Stations at 3 p.m.

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME! Thank you to the many families who have already registered. Please return all registration materials and apply for TADS by April 3. GO ONLINE AT: www.tads.com Some classes are limited. (The Preschool 5 Day class is full and we only have four spots remaining in the 3 day class.)

- **NEED SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS FOR NATIVITY-Aim Higher can help!** Apply for Aim Higher Scholarships by completing a TADS financial aid packet online. Families who have received the Aim Higher scholarship in the past **MUST APPLY through TADS this year.** You will not automatically receive this aid. New families in need of more scholarship dollars can also apply. Go to: www.tads.com.



SPRIT OF SPRING – Sat., 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” ♥♣

OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE

♥♣ **Silent Auction, Treasure Tree,**

Buy-Ins & Teacher Treasures – featuring student art creations, donations from area businesses, and events

♥♣ **Live Auction** – Bid on a stay in Las Vegas stay, Jewelry, Principal for a Day, Gym Teacher for a Day, Piano Lessons, Veil Orthodontics Braces, and More!

♥♣ **FUND-A-NEED:** Supporting science & STEM educational programs at Nativity. **HELP SUPPORT SCIENCE!**

♥♣ **RAFFLE TICKETS:** Adults, take your chance to win cash, up to \$2,017 and the children’s raffle include chances for Zoo passes and Nickelodeon Universe!

Please register to attend and keep selling your raffle tickets! We are still looking for donations and volunteers. Forms online: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2017.html>

MIDDLE SCHOOL - BABYSITTING OPPORTUNITY: We need all Middle School students interested in helping with our Spirit of Spring Auction by donating a free night of babysitting! 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!** (Email or talk with [Mrs. Meyer!](#))

(More news on the back of this Newsletter)

News & Notes



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

- 3 pm Stations

March 28: 4th Grade State Floats at 9:30 a.m. also featuring 8th Grade engineers!

March 30: Butter Braid Pick Up!

March 31st:

- 3 p.m. Stations
- Men’s Club Fish Fry Festival 4-8 p.m.

April 3: Registration Due!

April 4: Principal for a Day – Johnson Family! It is an “Out-of-Uniform” day!

April 7: Spirit Wear Day & 3 p.m. Stations

EASTER BREAK – April 10-17 – NO SCHOOL

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.

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Kindergarten Visit Days: April 3-7
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KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAYS! Invite a friend to come and visit Nativity April 3-7, 2017 as part of our Spring Kindergarten Visit Days. All families who bring a student to visit Kindergarten this week (who is not already enrolled in our preschool) will receive **\$100 off of their tuition for 2017-18!** Call to register the student for an hour visit, any time during the week of 952.881.8160.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **Support the 1st Nativity Annual Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser! To date we have raised **\$43,436** toward our goal of **\$50,000**. We hope to reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share the letter at this link with others: [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:

- **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.
- **PENNIES FOR PATIENTS UPDATE:** We raised over \$7,871 for the 2017 Pennies for Patients program sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Homerooms had a competition with Mrs. Tronnes's 7th grade coming in first place and winning a pizza party by raising over \$745 in donations. They

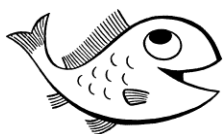
were followed by Mr. Long's 5th grade with \$548 and by Mrs. Zenk's 4th grade with \$490. Students raised \$593 from Dilly bar sales (special thanks to Dave Long for so generously donating our dilly bars) and over \$755 at Nativity's Team Pennies Saves for Cancer fundraiser with the help of Nativity goalies Mr. Long, Mr. Schild and Mrs. Reeder. Nativity friends and families also raised \$235 toward the campaign by ordering Domino's Pizza on Presidents Day, when Dominos contributed 20% of orders from Bloomington restaurants to Pennies for Patients. Money raised will support and send aid to cancer patients and their families in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Thanks Nativity, you made every penny count!

KUDOS:

- **THANK YOU:** Our thanks to everyone who contributed their coins, dollars and checks in the three week campaign. Special thanks to Wanda Hagerty, our campaign bookkeeper, and to the Richfield Bloomington Credit Union, who cashed in our donations. Thanks, also, to Ariel Aguirre, Paige Flowers, Katie Goedderz, Grace Hegard and Svetlana Miller for publicizing the program daily on the school announcements.
- **PTO Meeting Event:** Thank you to Annette Roudabusch and Kate Barkow for coordinating our planning meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped to kick off our first year!

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

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB: LAST WEEKEND To Sell Fish Fry tickets! This is the last weekend to sell fish fry tickets to friends, family, neighbors, etc. 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 Still 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.