



Lent - 40 days

March 30, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

I was touched this week by your children in multiple grades. First, 2nd grade students created kind notes and pictures for me. These brought me smiles! The pride I observed in the 4th grade class also moved me during the State floats. They were beaming! Thank you, parents, for supporting your students with this great project experience.

Today, during Mass, the 4-5th Grade choir sang like true angels with great joy. Our 8th grade students also shined this week through their "engineered cars" for the 4th Grade State parade. In addition, the 8th grade dramatization of the Passion of Christ truly impacts many. Please join us Friday.


This past weekend, we also had two Nativity students go on to State Competition in the Science Fair. These two students were chosen from 2500 competitors as the top group to compete at State. Both Abby and Nuala worked hard and represented Nativity well. WE ARE PROUD! *In all this, I find myself truly proud of Nativity of Mary School! Our students and staff shine!*

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. **NEED SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS? Apply with TADS (K-8) & with Parent Aware (Preschool).**

- **Aim Higher Scholarships through TADS!** Apply for Aim Higher Scholarships by applying with TADS 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 can also apply. Go to: www.tads.com.
- **Parent Aware – Preschool Scholarships:** We are now a 4-Star rated Parent Aware Preschool! You can apply for scholarships through Parent Aware by calling: 888.291.9811

KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAYS-April 3-7! 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.



Nuala & Abby competed in the MN State Science Fair. We are proud of their success!



News & Notes



March 30: Butter Braid Pick Up! 3-6 p.m. TODAY

March 31st:

- 3 p.m. Living Stations
- Men's Club Fish Fry Festival 4-10 p.m.

April 3: Registration Due! TADS applications 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 by Staff

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.

(More news on the back of this Newsletter)



STEM & Project Based Learning

Kindergarten Visit Days: April 3-7
Ongoing Tours all year.

Call 952.881.8160

Scholarships, new family & multi-child discounts

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SPIRIT 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! **THIS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! More help needed!**



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

Please register to attend and keep selling your raffle tickets! We are still looking for basket donations and volunteers. A creative tree suggestion is in the office if you are looking for ideas. In addition, there are forms online:

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

ENTERTAINMENT: Games of Skill! Music by "Elvis," Silent Auction, Treasure Tree, Buy-Ins & Teacher Treasures – featuring student art, donations from area businesses, baskets, vacations, and events.

LIVE AUCTION: Bid on a stay in Las Vegas, Principal for a Day, Gym Teacher for a Day, Piano Lessons, Veil Orthodontics Braces, and Chamber seating for the Twins, and More!

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL - BABYSITTING OPPORTUNITY: We need all Middle School students interested in helping with our Spirit of Spring Auction to donate 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!)**

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **Support the 1st Nativity Annual Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser! To date we have raised **\$43,586** 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>

KUDOS:

- **THANK YOU-Mrs. Steffens:** To Mrs. Steffens for coordinating our "Jump Rope for Heart" event. Our students helped to raise \$1,700 for children with heart defects and for heart education!
- **THANK YOU-Mrs. Zenk, Mr. Hoffman & Mrs. Flynn:** For coordinating with students the 4th Grade State Float Parade and the 8th grade "engineered cars" to drive some of the floats!

PRAYERS: Special prayers for families in transition, moving, and those with illness effecting loved ones.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB: See you at the Fish Fry Festival on Friday!

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.