

# News & Notes



May 18, 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

*What a joy this past week to see the fantastic performances of our students in the spring musical, "James and the Giant Peach."* The performance was so professional. I am so impressed with the talent of our students, and so thankful for the help of our staff and parents. Special thanks to: Producers-Mrs. Tronnes & Mrs. Duerr; Director- Nativity alumna, Megan Borgerding; Music-Miss Shukle; Set- Mr. Schild & Mr. Guthmiller; Costumes-Mrs. Hegard, Mrs. Riley & Mrs. Meyer; Props-Miss Thorpe; Set up and Promotion-Mr. Ellison & Mrs. Hagerty; Photos & party-Mrs. Benz and Mrs. Thelen. Thanks to all of the parents who helped with the play, the props, the dinners, and the time for their children!

*We also had a beautiful concert this week showcasing our Nativity choirs.* Go to our [facebook](#) page to see a few clips from the concert. Thanks to Miss Shukle for sharing her love of singing with the students. Watch for all of our Spring concerts on BECTV!

**OPENING A NEW PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM:** Nativity of Mary Preschool is nearly full for the 2017-18 school year. Many calls are still coming in from new families wanting to enroll in our preschool program. Due to the increased interest, we will be adding another 5 day class (which is what most families need.) This is an exciting time at Nativity, as school growth starts from our youngest students. The following classes will be offered:

- **2 Day: 3 year olds – Teacher:** Olivia Sage
- **3 Day: Young 4 year olds – Teacher:** Olivia Sage
- **5 Day: Prekindergarten 4 year olds – Teacher:** Emily Lowman
- **5 Day: Early Kindergarten 4-5 year olds - Teacher:** Lisa Hegard

Families who are already enrolled in one of the preschool classes will have the opportunity to move to another class if that is a better fit for their child. Just let the office know. The new class will be just down the hall in what is now Mrs. Bartz's classroom. The teachers on the east wall, will shift down the hallway. With the announcement of a possible Capital Campaign, we do hope to add another classroom that could then become the preschool room, art room, or science room, depending on our greatest needs. This expansion will all be dependent on if we raise enough interest for a Capital Campaign. Please join us in prayer as our school and parish discern these decisions.

**RECEPTION SUNDAY-MAY 21<sup>st</sup> FOR RETIRING STAFF:** Please join us in the cafeteria this Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to honor Mr. Bohman, Mrs. Riehm & Mrs. Zenk.



**May 18 & 19: Camp Iduhapi-7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**May 19: PINK DAY – Dress in pink and bring \$2 for Cancer research.**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: Reception for Retiring Teachers**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Safety Patrol Field Trip-MOA**

**May 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Arboretum**

**May 29: NO SCHOOL – Happy Memorial Day!**

**May 30-June 2: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago Trip**

**June 1 & 2: Kindergarten Graduations**

**June 2: Preschool Party**

**Tuesday & Wednesday – Weekly Lego League!**

**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.



**LIBRARY – Books are due!** Please turn them in and we are doing inventory! Special thank you to Kristi Riley and all of our library volunteers for a great year in the library!

**PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) – Join us June 1st:** The final PTO meeting for the school year is set for June 1st, 7-8 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Please join us as we finalize the summer calendar filled with many great outings for all. **APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN THROUGH THIS FRIDAY, MAY 19, FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE PTO BOARD FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR. FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NATIVITY OFFICE** If you would like to nominate someone you can also do this on this form. Elections will be held at the PTO June meeting. Our mission is: *“To strengthen and encourage the educational and social environment of our school through volunteerism and community building activities.”* We need your voice! PLEASE JOIN US. ([Form Link](#))

**NATIVITY K-5 FIELD DAY:** Join us on **June 6th from 1:00-3:30 p.m.!** Nativity is planning our annual Field Day. Mrs. Steffens and the PTO have joined forces to make this a memorable and fun family afternoon (K-5). Clear your calendar now so you can be a part of all the activities. The schedule and volunteer link will be coming home soon. **Volunteers are needed to help run the events.** We are looking forward to many activities for BOTH students and families, with games and fun outside! Be on the lookout next week in the communication folder.... **Your child(ren) will have one more incentive to get their families to the Fun Run which begins at 3:00!**



**DID YOU REGISTER?** Thank you to everyone who already registered or have come in to meet with me. Scholarship awards were mailed home this week.

- **Parent Aware–Preschool Scholarships:** We are now a 4-Star rated Preschool! You can apply by calling: 888.291.9811 [www.parentaware.org](http://www.parentaware.org)

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:**

- **7<sup>th</sup> 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.** 7th Grade Students are working hard on this year’s Garage Sale to help fund their class trip next year. Are you or someone looking for an opportunity to clear out your living spaces? Redecorating? Donations are still being accepted. We are especially looking for any furniture items you would like to donate or old vintage items that could be worth some value to collectors. If you have a donation of this sort please contact Denise Holland at [dimlerholland@hotmail.com](mailto:dimlerholland@hotmail.com). Otherwise please drop off donations in the school office. If you’re a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent and still needing to sign up for your volunteer hours, please see the sign up genius sent out to you via email for available hours/needs still open.
- **Annual Fund:** \$44,186 toward our goal of \$50,000.
- **Donations & Party Events still open for “Spirit of Spring”** Drop off your gift or participation at the School Office.
  - **“Next Chapter” Wine Tasting Party–Oct. 16** (5-7 p.m.) Wine, food, desserts! -\$25
  - **Parent Pool Party** – July 15 at the Stoebe home. Don’t miss the fun and food. -\$30
  - **FUND-A-NEED:** To date we’ve raised about \$17,000 to support STEM and science at Nativity. Please consider a donation for this important educational program.
  - **ALL UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS** – Please turn into the office!

**KUDOS:**

- **Sally in 4th Grade:** Her artwork was chosen to be in the “Ask the Archbishop” book that will be published this summer!
- **DePoint family:** Their photo at right was selected by CSCOE as a winner!
- **Baker’s Square:** Thanks for dining out to support the 2018 Spring 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip!



**PRAYERS:** New students and families. Prayers for families with sick or ill family members.

**BLESSINGS,** Mindy Reeder – [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)



**PARISH YOUTH EVENTS: Saturday Night Alive** is back at Nativity of Mary this Saturday, May 20 from 4- 8:00 P.M. Join us for Mass, dinner, games, and prayer for our last Saturday Night Alive of the year which is open to youth in grades 5-8. This month will feature a sneak-peak of Extreme Faith Camp: Wacky Olympics! Don't miss out on the last SNA of the year, it's going to be awesome! If you're not convinced, then you check out videos and pictures from our last SNA on the youth ministry page on the parish [website!](#)

**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. Please visit <http://www.nativitybloomington.org/youth-ministry.html> for a promo video, more information, and a registration form. Besides Extreme Faith Camp, Nativity will be hosting Summer Stretch on July 10, 12, 25, 27 and is open to all Nativity of Mary Youth. Summer stretch is four days of service in the morning and fun in the afternoon which will include activities like Feed My Starving Children, Valley Fair, Wild Mountain, and Saint Vincent De Paul Food Shelf. The cost is just \$150 per child for all four days. Don't miss out, Summer Stretch is a great way to stay active in the faith and have a blast over the Summer! Please contact John for more details at [JStute@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:JStute@nativitybloomington.org) or 952-881-8671 Ext. 316



**MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLISTIC AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Erika Baker  
 Grant Baker  
 Jack Bartfield  
 Anika Benz  
 Luke Cronin  
 Tiffany Dubbledee  
 Celia Hawton  
 Olivia Opstad  
 Parker Renstrom  
 Mary Taraboi-Brown  
 Haylee Thelen  
 Noah Thornburg  
 Nathan Vodovnik

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Abigail Brar  
 Ruby Coyle  
 Paige Flowers  
 Fionnuala Foley  
 Yarezi Garza  
 Grace Hegard  
 Gretchen Holland  
 T. Paul Kariuki  
 Olivia Lewis  
 Abby Machtig  
 Ryley Roudabush  
 Maddie Smit

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Makae Breischke  
 Michael Cao  
 Grace Hoepfner  
 Denya Jada  
 Sydney Mancini  
 Svetlana Miller  
 Emma Powers  
 Emma Riley  
 Alexa Terrio



***Middle School Play***

***More photos on Facebook!***

