

News & Notes

May 4, 2017



Dear Nativity Families:

Please join us this May in celebrating two special events. First, this Sunday please pray for our 2nd grade students who will be receiving the Sacrament of 1st Communion. What a beautiful Sacrament as they gathering around God's table. This year the parish is hosting this special Mass at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

On Monday, May 8, at 9:45 a.m. join us for the crowning of Mary. This is a beautiful and traditional way to honor Mary as the mother of Jesus. It is our symbol of her special role. Students will gather by our prayer garden with the Mary statue on Monday to sing and celebrate. (If rain, we will move to the church.) Students may "dress their best" for this event, or come in school uniform. (No jeans, please)

WELCOME NEW STUDENT: Welcome to Declan in Preschool. Please help his family to feel a part of our greater school family!



THANK YOU! The Spirit of Spring Event was a wonderful success! Gross profit is at \$90,041. We couldn't have created this fantastic event without the support of our parents, our staff, and our parish. Thank you to all of our parents who contributed to this event in any way! Our school is so appreciative to all of you! Thank you to staff who helped to make this a success, from our teachers who created auction items or planned Teacher Treasure events, and to our staff, Wanda Hagerty and Jim Ellison who gave many hours to the success of this event, THANK YOU! Special thanks to the 2016 Spirit of Spring Committee for their assistance, advice, and expertise.

We want to especially recognize the amazing talents of this year's 2017 Spirit of Spring Committee – THANK YOU! 2017 Committee: *Melissa Anderson; Kimberly Aune; Allyson Benz; David & Amy Fong; Kari Guthmiller; Wanda Hagerty; Kristi Koelfgen; Connie Larson; Jody Lazo; Erin Martin; Patty Meyer; Annette Poelvoorde; Jennifer Renstrom; and Katie Vander Weit.*

Donations for this year are still be accepted and you can still join the parties below. Gifts may be dropped off or sent to the School Office. THANK YOU!

- **"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. Enclosed is a flier for your review. Please consider a donation for this important educational program.
- **ALL UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS** – Please turn into the office!



NATIVITY
of MARY
SCHOOL

May 4:
PTO Meeting (7-8 p.m.)

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 6: 1st Communion
Practice

May 7: 1st Communion
Mass 12:15 p.m.

May 8: Mary Crowning
8:45 a.m. (Dress your
best!)

May 10: Middle School
Band Concert- 7 p.m.
Cafeteria

May 11: Middle School
Bells Concert- 7 p.m.
Church

May 16: Middle School
Choir Concert-7 p.m.

May 16: DINE OUT DAY
at BAKER'S SQUARE –
for the 2018 8th grade trip!

**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.

NATIVITY Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): Join us for the spring PTO meeting tonight, **Thursday May 4th from 7-8:00 p.m.** in the gathering space. We will be formalizing and putting details together for Field Days on June 6th which the PTO is helping to run with Mrs. Steffens; discuss future activities and fundraisers, a PTO website link, and looking for parents interested in leading PTO for next year. Any questions, contact Annette at: Netter0719@aol.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO RUBY – Middle School 7th Grade Student, pictured on the left in her costume. She competed both at Minnesota State Regional history competitions and advanced to the Minnesota State Competition. She presented, "Three Years of Infamy: Japanese Internment Camps", a one person play she wrote, directed and performed (all 10 characters :) at the state finals which were held at the University of Minnesota.

TESTING: Testing for 3-6th grades is completed, unless we have some make up tests. Thank you for preparing your child! Initial results showcase the wonderful progress of each child. Reports will be mailed home in June with your child's Report Card. Testing for K-2 will begin

next Tuesday, May 9-May 19. Please have your children well rested and ask your teacher which days they will be testing.

DID YOU REGISTER? Thank you to everyone who already registered or have come in to meet with me. Scholarship awards will be in next week's folders:

- **Scholarships for K-8:** Apply at tads.com
- **Parent Aware–Preschool Scholarships:** We are now a 4-Star rated Preschool! You can apply by calling: 888.291.9811 www.parentaware.org

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:

- **1st Nativity Annual Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser! To date we have raised **\$48,583** toward our goal of **\$50,000**. Please help us reach this goal by June 1, 2017. Share the letter: [Letter](#)
- Spirit of Spring: \$80,000+
- **7th Grade Students are working hard on this year's Garage Sale.** Watch for a sign up to help! In addition, they have scheduled a dine-out night to help raise dollars for their 8th grade trip at Baker's Square on May 16. Plan to go before or after the Middle School Choir Concert! Many hands make light work!

KUDOS:

- **Nativity of Mary Spirit of Spring Committee** – See the list on the front page. WOW! What an event.
- **PTO coordinators for this year for all of their work** – Annette Poelvoorde and Kate Barkow
- **Nativity Theater** - All students and staff working on the Nativity school play-"James and the Giant Peach". You won't want to miss this musical. **SAVE THE DATE! May 12 (7 p.m.) & May 13 (1 p.m. & 7 p.m.)- Flier in folder.**
- **Raffle Winners: Kids** – Charlie Broveliet (Dinner); Huset Family (Nickelodeon); Renstrom Family (Nickelodeon); Garza Family (Zoo); Dubbledee (Fleece); Merrill Family (DQ); Lindberg Family (DQ); Goedderz Family (Droolin' Moose) and Pineda Roldan (uniform passes). **Adults** – Jim Woychik, \$2,017; A. Atwood - \$500; TJ Oltman - \$200.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-MAY 17th: If you can help with set up and serving on May 17th for the Holistic Awards Breakfast, please email: Kristi Rollwagen at sk5068@aol.com .

PRAYERS: New students and families. Prayers for families with sick or ill family members. Special prayers end of year testing for students in Grades K-2. Prayers for enrollment as we finalize registration for the 2017-18 school year.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



[Supportthemass.org \(Click\)](http://Supportthemass.org) is the place to sign up. We want you to come as our guest that evening if you are interested. We have many attending but want you to be a part of this difference!