

News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

Blessed Thanksgiving! Nativity of Mary School teachers and staff thank you for your partnership with us in the education of your child. What a blessing to work with each family and see the growth in your child in body, mind and spirit! Thank you for choosing Nativity of Mary School!

TWO PARENT DRIVE DAYS AHEAD-Nov.30 & Dec. 1: *What does a parent drive day mean?* On a parent drive day, the Bloomington District schools are closed. There are no buses on these days. Please make arrangements to drive your children to and from school. If you cannot bring your children to school on these days, please call the school office to let us know your children will be absent. Thank you! 952.881.8160

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES: Did you know that we've changed our preschool programs for three year old students? If you have a 3 year old, you may choose to stay all day, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are also looking into morning care for our youngest students. Registration forms will be available by January 28, 2018. Watch for all the details!



PARENT SPEAKER PRESENTATION, NOV. 29 (7 p.m. in the Gathering Space) Join the PTO for the fall Parent Speaker presentation. A representative from the Jacob Wetterling Foundation will be talking about: "Navigating the virtual playground! Healthy choices and worrisome pitfalls for today's youth." This presentation will detail the risks students face and practical ways that adults can respond.

NATIVITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: The "Blessed is the Fruit Campaign" has reached \$1.6 million. Thank you to our parish and school families who have made this commitment. There is still time to consider a pledge. Letters were sent out to school families and pledge cards can be returned to the school or parish offices.

LUNCH UPDATE: There's still time for lunch feedback! Please complete the survey and give us your feedback! ([Lunch Survey](#))

RAKE-A-THON: There are six homes that still need raking, please call the school office at 952.881.8160 if you can help. Thank you for being the "Hands & Feet of Christ!"



NEWS & NOTES 11/09/17

NOV. 22-24: NO SCHOOL
"Happy Thanksgiving!"

NOV. 29: Kindergarten
Parent Information Night
- 7 p.m.

NOV. 29: PTO Jacob
Wetterling Presentation -
7 p.m. Gathering Space

NOV. 30: PARENT DRIVE
DAY! No buses.

- **NO MASS:** Please note,
there is no Mass today,
students in 3-8th grade
will have Confessions.

DEC.1: PARENT DRIVE
DAY! No buses.

SATURDAY

DEC.2: Photos with
Santa 8-11 a.m.

MISSION: 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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SATURDAY- DECEMBER 2 (8-11 a.m.)

Let the Spirit of the Holiday Season Begin! ALL are Welcome! Bring your camera for a picture with Santa. Enjoy - *Face painting, crafts with Mrs. Claus, treats, and caroling with the Nativity choir.* **Location:** Nativity of Mary Gathering Space; Enter at Door #9. **Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 per family at door.** This supports the 8th Grade trip to Chicago.



LIKE BOOKS? We are looking for a co-chair to help plan our Scholastic Book Fair! This event is held the last week of January. Kristi Riley Koelfgen, who is our volunteer

librarian is extraordinary, but she can't do it alone! Kristi is looking for one or two people to help make this a fun fair! We hope you can help, contact Kristi at library@nativitybloomington.org

NOMINATE A NATIVITY TEACHER: Love your child's teacher? We invite you to nominate a Nativity teacher for a Minnesota Educator award! Here is the link to complete: <https://www.educationminnesota.org/news/awards/teacher-of-the-year/nomination-form>



KUDOS:

- **Rake-A-Thon:** All of our families who went out to rake at area homes!
- **THANK YOU TO MARY KOEPKE:** She purchased "Miraculous Medals" for all of our students. These are coming home in today's folders and we thank her for thinking of our students.

REMINDERS:

- **New Volunteer Sign-In Procedure:**
- **Recess:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)
- **Holiday Boutique: Dec. 9** – Looking for vendors and crafters! Email if interested: nompto@nativitybloomington.org
- **Shutterfly Fundraising!** Planning to order Christmas cards? Order your Scrip Shutterfly card first then go online to Shutterfly at: NativityofMary.ShutterflyStorefront.com Place your order at this site and Nativity receives a percentage back!
- **Amazon Shopping Helps Nativity!** You can order your Amazon scrip card, and then login to Smile Amazon to order your Christmas gifts. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/> choose Nativity of Mary School as your charity, and shop! We receive a percentage back.

IN YOUR FOLDER: In your folder this week, you will find...

- **Holiday Boutique Flier**
- **Pictures with Santa Information**
- **Community Education Information:** Church fliers for Advent Tea & Angel Tree; Cyber Sale from Educational Outfitters and Karate

PRAYER: Join us in praying for the following...Inner Peace –our November Fruit of the Holy Spirit, everyone traveling for Thanksgiving, and special prayers for our families who have a loved one with ill health.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP- Grades 6-8: Nov. 18 (4:15-9:15 p.m.)

Drop off and pick up is at St. Bonaventure and cost is \$20 per student. No charge for chaperones or their children. If you are looking for a fun-filled faith event, join us. Call 952.881.8671 or ext. 316 or email John Stute at jstute@nativitybloomington.org