

# News & Notes

## Lunch Staff!



### Dear Nativity Families:

**This is our last week of our Amazing Race Read-A-Thon!** Thank you to everyone who has sent in reading minutes and pledge money. Although our reading total is great, currently at over 65,000 minutes we have only raised \$16,000 in pledges toward our goal of \$40,000.

**This is a critical, mandatory fundraiser for our school each fall.** Essentially this fundraiser helps to pay one teacher salary. Please help by collecting pledges or donations. Our final turn in is this Friday; however, we will count any additional dollars collected by Monday, November 6!

**Rake-A-Thon & PTO Parents' Event: Join us Saturday, Nov. 4 for our annual family rake-a-thon.** We start with a light breakfast in the cafeteria at 8 a.m. Families then depart for raking.

Bring jackets, gloves, and plenty of rakes! Then, Saturday evening, come back for the PTO parent event and corn-hole games as we welcome Father Gjengdahl!



**NATIVITY OF MARY CHURCH – Capital Campaign:** As a mission of the Nativity of Mary Church, our school is a part of the “Blessed is the Fruit” campaign. This focused fundraising effort will reduce debt for our parish and school, set aside money to remodel our kitchen, and help with building and maintenance needs. Each gift will make an impact. To date \$1,131,991 has been pledged. We hope to raise close to \$2 million dollars in order to do both pay off debt and add to our programs. If you wish to make a gift, call 952.881.8671 or mail your donation to: 9900 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420.

**LUNCH UPDATE:** This year, we have a new vendor for our food. The Lunch Committee went with a new vendor based on feedback from parents on the 2015 Accreditation Survey. We have now tested the food of Taher, our new lunch vendor, for two months and would like your opinion. Please complete the survey and give us your feedback! ([Lunch Survey](#))

**This month, we are offering alternate meals.** The orders for November have been received. Because we have to place our orders ahead of time, we are not able to accept any additional orders. If you ordered an alternate, you will be charged the \$2.90 for that alternate meal as these are pre-ordered.



### **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 our annual spring trip to Chicago.



**NATIVITY  
of MARY  
SCHOOL**

**NEWS & NOTES 11/02/17**

**THE AMAZING  
RACE**

**READ-A-THON 2017**

**OCT.9-Nov.3: 2017**

**NOV. 2: Nativity  
Conferences**

**NOV. 3: Spirit Wear Day!  
Last Read-A-Thon turn in**

**NOV. 4: RAKE-A-THON &  
PTO Parent Night Out-Fr.  
Gjengdahl welcome!**

**NOV. 6: Nativity  
Conferences**

**NOV.8: Virtus Training  
6:30 p.m. for all new  
volunteers**

**NOV.10: Veteran's Day  
Program – 10:30 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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**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! She needs one or two chairs to help make this a fun fair! Contact Kristi at [library@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:library@nativitybloomington.org)

**SHUTTERFLY FUNDRAISING!** Planning to order Christmas cards? Order your Scrip Shutterfly card first, and then go online to Shutterfly at: [NativityofMary.ShutterflyStorefrong.com](http://NativityofMary.ShutterflyStorefrong.com) Place your order at this site and we receive a percentage back!

**KUDOS:**

- **Parents who helped host class, Halloween Parties!** *We had great activities and games. Thank you for your gift of time and talent.*
- **Nativity of Mary Volleyball & Soccer Players:** *Thanks for giving your all throughout the fall season. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! Certificates will be sent home for your participation.*
- **Nativity of Mary Cub Scouts:** *The Pancake Breakfast was a hit! Thanks for serving so well and hosting everyone who came for the delicious food.*
- **Children's Choir at the Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m. Mass!** *What a joy to hear them sing out during Mass.*
- **Shook Family & O'Connor on their new little girls that arrived in the past two week.** *What a joy to welcome home their little blessings!*
- **Student reading prizes for the second week were sent home!** *Special thanks to the Oltman family who stayed for over four hours to help pack up these prizes, pictured to the right!*



**REMINDERS:**

- **New Volunteer Sign-In Procedure:** When you sign in, please type in your name on the computer. A badge will print and let us see easily that you are an approved guest! Turn in your badge when you leave so that we know you are out of the building.
- **Recess:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)
- **NEW FAMILIES - Mandatory Training Nov. 8,** here in the Gathering Space if you plan to chaperone or volunteer throughout the year. Go online to register and complete the background check at: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) See our enclosed flier.
- **Holiday Boutique – Dec. 9** – Looking for vendors and crafters! Email if interested: [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org)

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

- **Student Literary Magazine Flier**
- **Lunch Statements**
- **Poinsettia Sales Flier**
- **Veterans Day Program Information**
- **Community Education Information: Various fliers**

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

**BLESSINGS,** Mindy Reeder –  
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**SPORTS UPDATE:** **Basketball Shirts** - If your child is playing Nativity basketball this year and you would like a Spiritwear basketball shirt, please click on this link to place your order. <https://www.customink.com/g/hrb0-00b7-mef8>