

**Dear Nativity Families:**

**Our Amazing Race Read-A-Thon is wrapped up this week.** Thank you to everyone who sent in reading minutes and pledge money. The wall by the library is full of the great books students read! All prizes will be sent home next week as we are still receiving late forms and pledge money. We have raised about \$26,000 toward our goal of \$40,000. Payments will still be accepted until the end of the school year for this mandatory fundraiser.

**CONFERENCE PARTNERSHIP:** Thank you for attending conferences to learn about your child’s growth this fall. Fall FAST K-2 testing and NWEA Map Assessments were shared with you during your conferences. Here are also some links for further information: [Click for Fast Link](#) [Click for NWEA Map Link](#) We value your partnership and will continue to strive to challenge your child(ren) to their fullest potential in body, mind and spirit.

**RAKE-A-THON:** Due to the snow, cold and wet leaves, this event was postponed. If you volunteered to help, in your folder this week is an address of a home that wishes to be raked. Please contact them, and at your convenience, rake that yard when it works for you. If you are not able to rake, please let that family know. THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

**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. To date \$1.4 million has been pledged. We hope to raise close to \$2 million dollars in order to pay off debt and add to our programs. If you wish to make a gift, watch for a letter coming home with a pledge card from the church.

**LUNCH UPDATE:** Taher sent us the Harvest of the Month flyers highlighting rutabaga, plum & sage for November. Check out this week’s feature! How do you know if you like something? Try it! There’s still time for lunch feedback! Please complete the survey and give us your feedback! ([Lunch Survey](#))



NEWS & NOTES 11/09/17

**NOV.10:** Veteran’s Day Program – 10:30 a.m.

**NOV. 14:** PTO Meeting 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space

**NOV. 22-24:** NO SCHOOL “Happy Thanksgiving!”

**NOV. 29:** Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 7 p.m.

**NOV. 29:** PTO Jacob Wetterling Presentation

**NOV. 30:** PARENT DRIVE DAY!

**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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**Kindergarten**  
Parent Information Night

Meet our dedicated teachers,  
Learn about our inventive curriculum,  
Hear about a Responsive Classroom,  
See the engaging environment,

**November 29, 2017: 7 p.m.**

**WELCOME TO HANNAH!** Hannah is a new student at Nativity from Korea. A family from St. Edwards is hosting her stay. She will be studying at our school through February. Please welcome her!



**MEETING – Tuesday, November 14:** Join us to help finalizing plans for our Holiday boutique, discussing Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast and beginning to plan our January Family snow tubing outing at Buck Hill.

**PARENT SPEAKER PRESENTATION, NOV. 29 (7 p.m. in the Gathering Space) from the Jacob Wetterling Foundation: Navigating the virtual playground!** Healthy choices and worrisome pitfalls for today's youth. As technology grows and adapts, children are growing and adapting right along with it. The online highway can have some steep learning curves, for students and for parents. This presentation will detail the risks students are facing and practical, positive ways that adults can respond.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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! 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.ShutterflyStorefront.com](http://NativityofMary.ShutterflyStorefront.com) Place your order at this site and we receive a percentage back!



**KUDOS:**

- **Volunteers for our Read-A-Thon!** Thanks to Allyson A. who tallied all of our numbers, Christine T. helped pick the great prizes, Lisa F. for coordinating our dine-out nights, we raised over \$500 from Culvers and are waiting to hear back from Baker's Square. I appreciate Sarah G., Sara S. and Sara O. for assisting with planning and stuffing our prize bags, they were a hit! Special thanks to Kristi R. who helped display along the library hallway the great books our students read!
- **PTO & Men's Club:** For our great "Parent Night Out and Bean Bag Toss" event. It was a casual way to meet Father Gjengdahl and visit with other parents. What a fun night!
- **Parents & Teachers who Chaperoned our Fall Dance!** Thanks for supporting our first dance with Father Gjengdahl helping to DJ!

**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](#)
- **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...

- **Painless Fundraising**
- **Community Education Information:** Various fliers

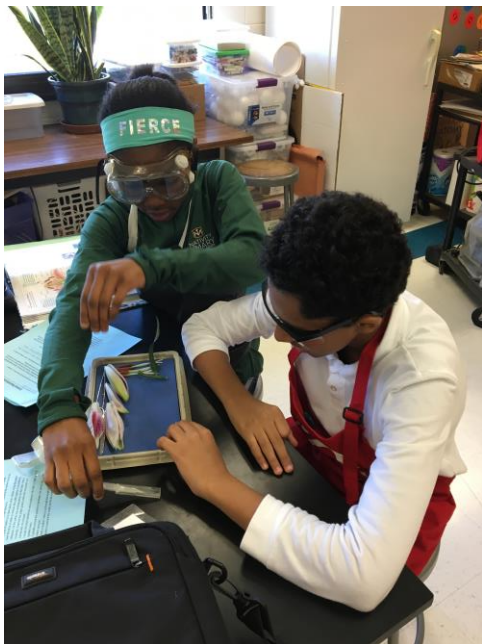


**PRAYER:** Join us in praying for the following... Inner Peace –our November Fruit of the Holy Spirit...and special prayers for our families who have a loved one with ill health.

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



**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>



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**SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE KICK-OFF**

**For Youth in 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](mailto:jstute@nativitybloomington.org)