



NEWS & NOTES 10/12/17



OCT.9-Nov.3: 2017

Dear Nativity Families:

Students are “traveling” to Antarctica this week as part of our 3rd Annual Read-A-Thon – The Amazing Race! The Nativity Leadership Team kicked off our school fundraiser with a creative skit encouraging everyone to read and collect pledges from Oct.9 through Nov. 3. **This is our largest fall fundraiser and we need everyone’s support to reach our \$40,000 goal!**

Here’s the schedule for a Read-A-Thon for the next two weeks:



- **Fri., Oct. 13:** *First turn in day – send in your reading minutes and your pledges to date! Flashlight reading in the classrooms. (Remember, this is a “Spirit Wear” day!)*
- **Mon., Oct. 16:** *We travel to Africa as part of our “Amazing Race Read-A-Thon!”*
- **Tues., Oct. 17:** *Pajama Day & Culver’s Dine Out Night! (This is also picture retake day, if needed, and Picture Day for our 2 Day preschool students)*
- **Thurs., Oct. 26:** *Baker’s Square Dine Out Day: 6 a.m.–11 p.m.*



OCT. 13: Mid Trimester and Spirit Wear Day!
**Special Adoration for Fatima Celebration

OCT. 17: Picture Retakes! & PJ Reading Day!
Dine Out Night at Culvers for the Read-A-Thon!

OCT.18-19-20: NO SCHOOL – MEA & Teacher Workshops

OCT.23- 27: BULLY PREVENTION WEEK

OCT. 25: Unity Day – WEAR ORANGE!

WHAT’S FATIMA? This Friday Nativity of Mary School classrooms are invited to gather for Adoration during the school day as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima. Here is a link with more information about this event: <https://www.ewtn.com/fatima/sixth-aparition-of-our-lady.asp>

IN OUR CLASSROOMS: *Students have been learning...*

- **Preschool** – The 3 Day Class is sharing a special family book that goes home to each family to be read together.
- **Kindergarten** – It’s Fire Safety Week! The Kindergarten will enjoy a personal tour on a Fire Truck this Friday.
- **1st Grade** – Read at this week’s Mass! They also have pen pals with children in New Zealand and visit with them directly through Skype!
- **2nd Grade** – Reads a book and then partners with a class in Oklahoma to share their book and projects.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC): We need you! Know marketing? Join our Marketing Committee as we expand our efforts to share the great news about Nativity! Email Sarah Gonnella at: segonnella@hotmail.com.

Special thanks to Susie Valentine who completed her service on the SAC. We are thankful for her leadership. She is pictured here receiving her plaque from SAC Chair, Laura DePoint . Email the principal, if you are interested in joining at: mreeder@nativitybloomington.org.



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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- MORE NATIVITY NEWS ON BACK -

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Additional Virtus Training added at Nativity – plan to attend on November 8, here in the Gathering Space. Go online to register and complete your background check: www.virtus.org - Always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)



RECESS!
Click on the link to sign up!

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

- *Pictures (Need retakes?) Come dressed for retakes on Oct. 17, if needed, next Tuesday - and bring Pajamas to change into for our “Read-A-Thon” PJ Day. (2 Day preschool class, this is your photo day.)*
- *Parent Night Out – Mon., Oct. 16 (6-8 p.m.)*
- *Fatima Prayers and information*
- *PTO Cornhole Event*
- *Rake-A-Thon Sign Up*
- *Community Education Information: Various fliers.*



NATIVITY IS CREATING A “Classroom of the future!” Over MEA, Nativity of Mary will have one classroom, Mr. Long’s 5th Grade Room, redesigned in partnership with Best Buy to create an innovative design using new technology throughout. We are excited to step into the future of learning! Stop in to see his room!

LUNCH PROGRAM: To pay online or add to your lunch account, follow these steps-

- 1) **GO TO:** <https://educate.tads.com/educate/> Ask Wanda Hagerty at whagerty@nativitybloomington.org if you need your password and are new to Educate.
- 2) Once you are logged in, click on the **Cafeteria** module to view your balance or review what your child has been eating at lunch.
- 3) You may click on the box that says “Make Payment.”

KUDOS: Grandparents’ Day Committee – We had a wonderful day thanks to your planning and support!

PRAYER: Join us in praying for the following... All of the victims and their families in Las Vegas... For our nation that we turn to God... For families in Mexico after the most recent earthquake... Families in Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida after our recent hurricanes and flooding... Father Gjengdahl as our new leader... and special prayers for our families who have a loved one with ill health.

- BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

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OCTOBER – Fruit of the Spirit – GOODNESS

Goodness. While kindness is the soft side of good, goodness reflects the character of God. Look for the goodness in others. See others, as God sees all of us!



Texas Hold’em Poker Night at Nativity

Thursday, October 12th from 8:00-10:00 PM in the Cafeteria.

Any Men of Nativity of Mary are welcome to play. We’ll have multiple games of Texas Hold’em going from beginners on up. Drinks, snacks, music and all poker supplies provided. No need to RSVP. Save the date for October 29th for Paintball.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Cub Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at Nativity of Mary Cafeteria on Sunday, October 29th from 8:00 AM-12:30PM. Advance tickets can be purchased this weekend after all Masses at Nativity of Mary, St. Bonaventure and St Edwards. Or Ask if your class (K-5) has a scout. He can help you get advance tickets. Advance tickets are \$5. Children 5 and under are FREE! Tickets at the door are \$6. This is the ONLY fundraiser for Cub Scouts. Come and support Pack 374.



Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast-Great advertising for a great price! Purchase a placemat ad spot for only \$40! Ad spot includes 2 tickets to the breakfast. Last year the Scouts served over 600 people. **Please contact Kate Barkow, cchromy@hotmail.com or 952-346- 0165 by October 18th**