



NEWS & NOTES 10/28/17



OCT.9-Nov.3: 2017

**OCT. 27: READ-A-THON
2nd TURN IN DATE!**

**OCT. 29: Nativity Mass &
Student Saint Projects!**
Nativity Mass & the BOY
SCOUT BREAKFAST!

**OCT. 31: Halloween
Parties - Out-of-Uniform**
(K-5 Bring your costume,
no weapons please.)

NOV. 1: All Saints Mass
9:45 a.m.

**NOV. 2 & 6: Nativity
Conferences**

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

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

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.*

Dear Nativity Families:

This week our students and staff have hosted various Bully Prevention activities. Students took a “Peace Pledge,” mixed it up at lunch and recess, and participated in various activities in the classroom and for our service project. Although this is just a week focus, our staff will remind students to keep this philosophy all year long. Thank you for helping your child to be kind and accepting of others. Check out our cafeteria wall display, created by Annette Roudabush and Nativity of Mary students.

This week we welcomed Meagan Spott, a student teacher from St. Scholastica. She will be spending time in our 5th grade classrooms observing and teaching.

OCT. 29 – Join us for our Fall Nativity School Mass!

The Nativity children’s choir will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is also our Cub Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast from 8-12:30 p.m. *****If your child would like to bring up the gifts – please meet me, Mrs. Reeder, in the back of church around 10:20 a.m. so that I know! (The Minnesota Vikings’ Game will be streaming in the cafeteria for your viewing enjoyment!)**



Our Amazing Race Read-A-Thon – Update: \$6,561 of our \$40,000 Goal:

- **Fri., Oct. 27: 2nd Pledge & Reading Turn in Date!**
- **Mon., Oct. 30 – Thurs., Nov. 1:** Students travel to Europe in our Read-A-Thon Amazing Race with facts each day.
- **Friday, Nov. 3:** Final turn in of all minutes and pledge money!



New Volunteer Sign In Process Starts Nov.1:

In November, we will be using our new volunteer sign in process. We’ll have a computer that you sign into and a badge will print for your to wear. This new system is thanks to a grant from the Bloomington Crime Prevention.

NEW FAMILIES - Mandatory Training! Plan to attend on Nov. 8, here in the Gathering Space. Go online to register and complete the background check at: www.virtus.org See our enclosed flier.

Rake-A-Thon & PTO Parents’ Event: Join us Saturday, Nov. 8 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!



- MORE NATIVITY NEWS ON BACK -

LUNCH ALTERNATE MEALS ADDED: Starting Nov. 6, your child may pre-order an alternate lunch. All pre-orders for November must be received by Oct. 31st either in paper mail, or an email to Jill at jjgrimme@nativitybloomington.org. See the enclosed flier.

NATIVITY IS CREATING A “Classroom of the future!” Our project was delayed, but watch for updates to Mr. Long’s 5th Grade Room in the next two months! We are working with Best Buy to create an innovative design using new technology throughout. We’ll let you know when our room is done!

NATIVITY OF MARY CHURCH – 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 \$791,723 has been pledged. We need to raise close to \$2 million dollars in order to do more than pay off debt and maintenance needs. If you wish to make a gift, contact the parish at 952.881.8671 or mail your donation to: 9900 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420.



SATURDAY- DECEMBER 2 (8-11 a.m.): *Let the Spirit of the Holiday Season Begin...Family, Friends, Young and Young at Heart; ALL are Welcome!* Bring your camera for a picture with Santa (just in time for your holiday greeting card)....*Letters to Santa, Face painting, Craft with Mrs. Claus, Refreshments, and*

Caroling by Nativity School Choir. **Location:** Nativity of Mary Gathering Space; Enter at Door #9. Holiday workshop sponsored by Nativity of Mary’s own 8th grade elves. **Cost: \$5 per person or \$20 per family at door.** This supports our annual spring trip to Chicago.

KUDOS: Bully Prevention Week Committee – We had great activities and spirit for each day to motivate students to be kind, accepting, and united in our efforts to care for others as Jesus asks us to do!

REMINDERS: Please remember that if you are bringing your child into school, you need to park in the parking lot, not in the drop off/pick up car lane, thank you.

- **On Tuesday, Oct. 31st,** students in K-5 may bring costumes to change into. No weapons with the costumes may be brought to school. We encourage children to dress up as their favorite Saint for your classroom parties, but other costumes are welcome.
- **Recess:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)

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

- *Nov. 8 Virtus Session Information*
- *Parent Night Out & Welcome to Father Gjengdahl flier - PTO Cornhole Event*
- *Rake-A-Thon Sign Up*
- *Holiday Boutique PTO vendor information*
- *Partners in Faith*
- *School Lunch Menu/Order*
- *Community Education Information: Various fliers*

PRAYER: Join us in praying for the following... ..Father Gjengdahl as our new spiritual leader...and special prayers for our families who have a loved one with ill health.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder –
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Nativity students are invited to “Trick or Treat” at the Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington off of Penn Avenue S 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, October 31st.