

Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day

Dear Nativity Families:

Happy October! The leaves are beginning to change. Each day this week we began our day with prayer, sharing an "Autumn Prayer" in thanksgiving of the change of seasons, the crunch of the leaves, and the bountiful harvest of our land. Our "Fruit of the Spirit" this month is "Goodness." We are encouraging all students and staff to see the good in everyone, as God sees us. Last month, our "Kindness" focus encouraged students to catch others being kind. Three were randomly chosen to have lunch with Father Gjengdahl – Congrats Abby M., Courtney N. and Anders K.!

This past week our city also hosted the Twin Cities Marathon, and Nativity of Mary School was represented. We are so proud of our teacher, Ms. Hartmann and parent, Mr. Millenacker for their participation in this event. What great role models of endurance and health for our students!



GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY-Oct.6! We hope that your child's grandparents/special friends can join us tomorrow. They can arrive at 9:20 a.m. and encourage them to park in the church parking lot, south side of our building by the playground. They should come through the church doors. If you can help, we still need a few people, sign up at: ([Click for link](#))

Here is our schedule for Friday- Student dress is School Uniform Best!

9:20 – 9:50 am Last Name A-L Continental Breakfast

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10:30-11:30 Mass with special performances by band, bell choir, and choirs

PTO MEETING – All parents are invited! **Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.** in the Gathering Space. We will finalizing details for the Parents' Cornhole tournament and discussing the Christmas holiday craft fair.



YOUR PACKET IS IN THIS WEEK'S FOLDER FOR OUR 3rd ANNUAL READ-A-THON!

Students start reading on Mon., Oct.9 through Nov. 3. Mail letters and send emails to family and friends for financial support in pledges! This is our largest fall fundraiser and we need everyone's support to reach our \$40,000 goal!

- MORE NATIVITY NEWS ON BACK -



OCTOBER 5, 2017

OCT. 5: Sports Photos

OCT. 6: Grandparents
9:30-11:30 (10:30 Mass)

OCT.9-Nov.3: 2017
READ-A-THON!

OCT. 10: PTO Meeting-
7pm Gathering Space

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

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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IN OUR CLASSROOMS: *Here's a quick look ...*

- **3rd Grade** - Reviewed place value and money in math and even took their first test!
- **4th Grade** – Completed their first chapter and test as they explored the nation in Social Studies!
- **5th Grade** – Students read the story “Double Dutch” and worked on the reading skills of sequence of events, narrative pacing, and rhythm when reading poetry.
- **6th Grade** – The 6th grade students attended Camp St. Croix and stepped back into history while growing closer as a class.



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 - Click here: [Recess link](#)



RECESS!
**Click on the link
to sign up!**

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

- ***Read-A-Thon Packet:*** *All the details, prize information, tracking reports, and pledge forms you need!*
- ***Responsive Classroom Guide:*** *Parent informational packet to help you review how the Responsive Classroom works at Nativity!*
- ***Fatima Oct. 13 information***
- ***Community Education Information:*** *Various fliers.*

FALL TESTING: Nativity of Mary students have completed testing! Teachers will discuss results with you at conferences; however, if you wish to discuss sooner, please contact your teacher. Additional information here:

- K-2: <http://www.fastbridge.org/assessments/curriculum-based-assessments-cbm/>
- 3-8th Grades: <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

LUNCH PROGRAM: Beginning in October, Middle School lunch prices will reflect the changes in the State and Federal lunch programs. All students in all grades will pay the same for their lunches.

- **New to Educate (Grades & Lunch)?** *We have a full parent packet on the school website under the “Parent/PTO” tab. Click here if you need any guided help. Ask Wanda Hagerty at whagerty@nativitybloomington.org if you need your password.*

KUDOS: *The Nativity of Mary Men’s Club* – for purchasing our new white boards! Special thanks to teachers and staff who helped to hang the second group, staying after school to complete this job– **Jim Ellison, Glen Hoffman, David Long, and Pat Bohman.** We have one more group to hang up and are so excited!

Also, special thank you to all of our 6th grade chaperones for their support at Camp St. Croix!

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



Texas Hold'em Poker Night at Nativity (See enclosed flier)

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.