

# God is Good!



## Dear Nativity Families:

*What a beautiful first week!* Every teacher at Nativity has attended the Responsive Classroom training. In their classrooms this week, and during the first six weeks, teachers will be spending morning meeting time, or advisory time, praying, planning, and setting goals and rules. Our focus as a Responsive Classroom school is to reach the whole child and live out our mission to “foster academic excellence and spiritual growth.” Join us in praying for this new school year.

Our theme for the new school year is the “Fruits of the Holy Spirit.” This month we are encouraging students to practice “kindness” with one another. Kindness is reflected in the words that we say and our actions, and can even be practiced at home. I hope that all this month you are seeing “kindness” reflected at home!

**HERITAGE DAYS!** Join us next Saturday for Bloomington’s Heritage Days, hosted here on the Nativity of Mary School and Parish grounds.

- **Friday, Sept. 15-Parish Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-8 p.m.:** Tickets sold after Masses or in the parish office.
- **Saturday, Sept.16:**
  - **Parade – Nativity is #70.** Come dressed in Spirit Wear or a Nativity school uniform. Please meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S. by 10 a.m. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. If you are dropping your children off to march, please be sure to have a pick up location. The unit ends at Nativity.
  - **Nativity Parish Activities** – Volunteers needed! Go online to help with all of the great events for the day. ([Click to go to the volunteer page](#))

**THURSDAY FAMILY FOLDERS:** Family folders come home each Thursday. Materials are inside the folder for you to review. Take out the items and return the folders on Friday. In your family folder this week, you will find:

- **Parish Raffle Tickets:** During Heritage Days, Nativity of Mary parish raises essential dollars for the parish that also supports the school. We would love families to purchase some raffle tickets or sell them if you can. IF NOT, just return. Send your cash and any unsold tickets back by Sept. 15 – thank you!
- **Launch of the School Year:** Plan to join us on September 14 at 6 p.m. See the enclosed flier.
- **Community Education Information:** Various fliers.

**PTO IS LOOKING FOR YOU! Volunteers Needed!** We appreciate any time you can share! Please email: [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org) with any specific questions. We are especially looking for volunteers for help in these areas:

- **RECESS:** [Click for Recess link](#)
- **LUNCH:** Barb Cronin helps coordinate lunch volunteers at: [bjecronin@comcast.net](mailto:bjecronin@comcast.net).

All volunteers assisting with students must complete a background check and Virtus training. Go online to complete this process: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

**LAUNCH OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR- Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.:** See the attached flier. This year we are encouraging parents to attend without children; however, if you need

- **MORE ON THE BACK** -



**NATIVITY**  
*of* **MARY**  
SCHOOL

**September 7, 2017**

**SEPT. 8: Spirit Wear day!** Come in any Nativity uniform top, or a Spirit wear shirt, and your jeans, shorts, or favorite casual pants.

**SEPT. 14: Launch of a New Year & Grade 4 Tech Night!**

- 6 p.m. – Gather in Church for blessing
- 6:30 p.m. – SAC Presentation & State of the School
- 7 p.m. – Classroom Presentations  
(Gr. 4 Tech parent training.)

**SEPT. 15 & 16: Heritage Days at Nativity! Parade: Saturday, Unit #70**  
**\*Map ([Click to download](#))**

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childcare, please call the office so we have a count ahead of time. 952.881.8160. At this event we will discuss goals and objectives that we've met from our Strategic Plan. We will share goals for this year, introduce new teachers and staff, and review some of our new programs for the 2017-18 school year. You will also have time to go to your child's classroom to learn about their year ahead. **DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT!**

**KUDOS:** Special congratulations to the Nemenich family who welcomed a little baby girl into their family this summer!

I would also like to thank everyone who helped us this summer with projects and school events. Thank you to our **Men's Club** for the various projects and new closet bases; **Knights of Columbus** for painting our basement hallway and closet doors; **PTO** for organizing our wonderful summer events and our new family night; **Christine & Mike Thelen** for cleaning up after our new family night; **Nativity families** who coordinated our "Gently Used Uniform Sale;" **Jill Grimme** who set up our kitchen area for the new year; and Nativity Staff who assisted with all of our summer projects!

*It truly takes a village and I am very thankful for the support we have at Nativity!* I wish all of you many blessings in the new school year and encourage you to pray with me for our students, our staff, and especially for families suffering from illnesses and those who have suffered during the recent storms. I look forward to seeing you at our "Launch of a New School Year" next Thursday!

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

**Welcome to our  
Foreign Exchange  
Student – Luis!**



**A Blessed  
1<sup>st</sup> Week!**