

Dear Nativity Families:

Spirit of Spring here! Did you turn in your registration form? Have you sold your raffle tickets? Don't miss the chance to attend this wonderful event that helps to raise critical dollars for our school. You should have received a final registration form, volunteer form, and "Fund-A-Need" information to help make this a great success and support all of our students.

How can you help with Spirit of Spring?

- **Attend!** It's a great way to connect with other parents, parishioners and alumni. Send in your form to register!
- **Sell your Raffle Tickets!** Each family is asked to sell 10 tickets as part of your mandatory fundraising requirement, but please sell more!
- **Purchase Scrip Gift Cards:** Help support the Spirit of Spring by donating your favorite gift card(s) that will be used for prizes.
- **Donate to our Fund-A-Need:** We will be raising critical dollars to expand our "Arts and Recreation Programs" at Nativity of Mary School. Make a donation online or plan to support this with a gift at our event.
- **Bid Online,** bidding opens at 6 p.m. Saturday evening! (You can view earlier)
- **VOLUNTEER – it's not too late!** Email Annette at netter0719@aol.com if you can help or online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094aafa62ba31-spirit>

PRAYERS & LOVE SENT TO THE ROLLWAGEN FAMILY: Our school Mass was moved to Friday this week at the passing of our students' father, Steve Rollwagen. His funeral was today. Teachers, staff, and school families gathered for his funeral Mass. We ask that everyone join us in praying for their family.



MORNING ARRIVAL: We know spring is almost here and families are busy, however, our students are arriving earlier and earlier. Please remember, our school day starts at 9:30 a.m. Families may begin to drop off students at 9:15 a.m. If you are coming earlier than that time, we do ask that you enroll your child in Creative Club morning care. Contact Connie at (952) 881-9103 or email her at: cdowzak@nativitybloomington.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE: Students were dissecting cow hearts this week to learn all about how a heart functions! Hat's off to Mrs. Flynn for organizing the engaging experience.



This week, Mass is on
Friday at 9:45 a.m.

**APRIL 21: SPIRIT OF
SPRING-6 p.m.**

**APRIL 23-27: Kindness
Week – Look for details!**

**NWEA Testing Begins 3-
7th Grades**

**APRIL 27: Fong's-
Principal for a Day
(Out-of-Uniform)**

**MAY 5: Sacrament of
Holy Communion with
Archbishop Hebda**

9:45 a.m. Mass

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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Victim Assistance Hotline:
911 or 651-291-4497

LOOKING AHEAD: Preschool Expansion – Nativity of Mary School is excited to announce that St. Edward's Parish and our school are planning for a possible second preschool location at St. Edwards. Our school and parish are in the beginning planning phases, but are excited to grow our program and partner with St. Edwards.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-19: Do you still need to register?

- **Preschool Registration:** Early Kindergarten is Full. We do have some remaining spaces in our other classes. **REGISTER NOW!** You may download your registration form! [PRESCHOOL FORM](#)
- **Online Registration for Grades 1-8 for 2018-19-DUE April 6!** The email was sent out, as well as paper forms. If you didn't get a link, here is the online registration form – <http://mytads.com/a/nativitybloomington>
- **TADS Financial Aid from Nativity DUE-April 6:** Please complete your financial aid **TADS.COM** and apply early!

KUDOS:

- **Spirit of Spring Committee!** Many hours, much planning, creative thinking, and calling others to support this great event are making for a promising Saturday ahead. THANK YOU COMMITTEE!
- **April 22- Raffle Winner for the 52 Club is....Libby Furry...\$100!**
- **Blessings to our 2nd Grade Students.** Our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Communion had a workshop this week with their parents. We are all praying for you.



REMINDERS:

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Recess and lunch volunteers needed daily: [Recess Link](#)
- **ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised **\$52,808 of our \$75,000** goal. Your place of employment may match your gift, please ask and double your donation!

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

- **Spirit of Spring – Donation Ideas, volunteer needs and raffle tickets.**
- **Various Community Education Fliers**

PRAYER: Join us in praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit of Gentleness

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES

HOLY ANGELS DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS (6-7-8th Grade): Our tryouts will be **Monday April 30th-Thursday May 3rd** from 5:00pm-7:15pm in the AHA Main Gym. A parent meeting will be Monday May 7th at 6:00 pm in the AHA Annex. The Fall season starts around the second week in August and ends around the second week in October. The girls typically practice around 4 days a week and dance at home football games and some soccer games. The girls will practice 5 days a week, with one day being devoted to Ballet/technique and strength training. They are the current Tri-Metro Conference Champions and compete against other High School Dance Teams throughout the season. The team will also attend Just for Kix camp this July and have opportunities to train and learn from some of the top Twin Cities dance instructors.

SAINT THOMAS & VISITATION SUMMER PROGRAMS: Summer camps hosted by our school are available for your child. The site also allows for online registration. Please note, there are activities for every age group. Additionally, I attached a brochure that provides details of the activities. <http://www.cadets.com/athletics-and-activities/athletic-camps/>

Saturday Night Alive: Everyone in grades 5-8 are welcomed to join us for our monthly middle school night called *Saturday Night Alive!*

- **WHAT:** An awesome night full of Mass, Pizza, dessert, epic games, lots of fun & a little prayer!
- **WHO:** Anyone in grades 5-8 (led by Nativity & Bonaventure High School Core Team)
- **WHEN:** Saturday, Apr. 21 starting at 4:15 P.M. with Mass at 4:30 P.M. followed by dinner and activities until 8:00 P.M.
- **WHERE:** St. Bonaventure in Bloomington, MN (Sign in is in the St. Boni's youth room)
- **COST:** FREE! Please RSVP with John at JStute@NativityBloomington.org

WHY: Because it's going to be awesome, and you don't want to miss out! Bring a friend if you would like! Can't come till after Mass? That's okay, come when you can! We would love to have you there!

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