

Dear Nativity Families:

Our staff joins you in praying for the students and families of the Florida school shooting. This truly hurts all of us and I want to assure you that we take safety seriously. As part of our safety practices, we continue to practice lockdowns and fire and tornado drills throughout the school year. We also respond immediately to local concerns that might arise in our community as soon as we are alerted. We work with local law enforcement to ensure we follow the best procedures. This includes:

- Lock down of school entrances at 9:30 a.m.
- Entrance check in/label
- Practice Drills
- Classroom phones, speakers, walkie-talkie, and emergency response folder
- Room darkening and shades
- Parish and School-Wide Safety Committee (Staff and parents)

Each year we review our practices through the Safety Committee, work with outside organizations to learn about best practices, and apply for grants to enhance the safety of our school. We want to thank you for partnering with us in the education of your children and pray for the safety of all students world-wide.

NATIVITY 5th GRADE FAMILIES-INFORMATION NIGHT, FEB. 22: You are invited to our Middle School Information Night on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Room #111. Graduating students will share their story, you'll hear from teachers and have time to ask questions.



KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE STUDENTS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS! Our Kindergarten class celebrated 100 days of school while our 1st grade joined together to commemorate 101 Days. Learning is fun and we love sharing the joy of education with your children.



NATIVITY 2nd GRADE STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR 1ST RECONCILIATION

It is such a joy to share 1st Reconciliation with our students. The smiles that greet us after they complete this precious Sacrament truly says it all. We are so proud of our students and thank our parents for partnering with the parish and school on this special Sacrament.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-19-DUE APRIL 6:

- **Preschool & Kindergarten Registration:** Click here to download your registration form! Classes are filling up, so don't wait! Let the office know if you have any questions. ([PRESCHOOL FORM](#)) ([K-8 FORM](#))



NEWS & NOTES 2-22-18

FEB.22: Middle School Information Night-7 p.m.

FEB. 23: Stations of the Cross-3 p.m. (6th Grade) & Living Stations 7 p.m.

FEB. 27: PTO Meeting – 7p.m.

MARCH 2:

Spirit Wear Day!

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross

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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- **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:** Although you have missed the Catholic Community and Aim Higher Foundations deadline, families are still eligible for scholarships through Nativity of Mary. Please complete your financial aid form at: **TADS.COM** and apply early!



PLEASE NOTE – The new online registration for 2018 for current students will require you to complete an online form for each child.

KUDOS:

- **PTO Messy Art Night Committee!** *Thanks for organizing and creating such a fun afternoon of art creations.*
- **Feb. 25- Raffle Winner for the 52 Club is....Chris Knoll –\$100!**

REMINDERS:

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Recess and lunch volunteers needed daily: [Recess Link](#)
- **ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised **\$47,540 of our \$75,000** goal. Your place of employment may match your gift, please ask and double your donation!
- **ROBOTICS SIGN UP:** We are offering a winter Robotics course. **This will be Feb.28-April 11.** This course will have new projects for students. [Sign up online \(click\).](#)

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

- **Conference Sign up**
- **Fish Fry Tickets (A Men's Club Activity)**
- **Various Community Education Fliers**

PRAYER: Pray for the gift to love one another as Christ loves us and for renewal during Lent.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



Save the Date: 6th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival-March 16: SELL FISH FRY TICKETS AND WIN CASH AND MORE! Coming home in each school communication folder will be details on how you can purchase and sell advance tickets. We are giving away \$200 and 12 passes to Nickelodeon Universe amongst the top three families that sell the most fish fry tickets. And, every five tickets sold earns an out of uniform pass (max 2 per family). See communication folder for details. Presale tickets can be sold for \$9 in advance. They will cost \$10 at the door. The communication folders will have 10 tickets in them and additional tickets are available in the school office. Any unsold tickets and all money (cash or checks) must be returned to the school office in the return envelope no later than Monday, March 12th. This way we can make sure you are entered to win prizes. Please help support the school and church. **Presented by Nativity of Mary Men's Club**

MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES.....

MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH-A-La-Carte: *This February, we began providing "a la carte" options for our Middle School students.* All items are only .50 cents each and will be available for sale during the middle school lunch period only. Students can come down with money to purchase a la carte items and will receive tickets. This way, families can control how much they spend on extra items and it won't drain the lunch account!



Extreme Faith Camp Extended Early Deadline!
Grades 5-8: Camp in Zumbro Falls-June 18-22

Cost (\$325-- Scholarships available)
EFC are sent out in the News and Notes and are available at the school and parish offices.
Return your registration form with a \$100 deposit by February 28 to receive a \$100 discount on camp! <http://www.nativitybloomington.org/youth-ministry.html>

ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS – Open House, Feb. 28

Attend the Open House for 6-8th Grade students from 5:45-7 p.m. We'll have refreshments and presentations. This is a great time to be a STAR!

Please RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/M7sp99ArbEzOc0q52>

Questions?

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