

News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

Congratulations to our 7th grade students on a fantastic Science Fair! This week they showcased their research and shared their results with students, families, and judges from across Minnesota. The confidence of their presentations and results of their projects truly told the story of the Nativity difference! Thank you parents for your guidance with these projects and special thanks to Mrs. Flynn for her overall coordination. Five students were selected by the judges to compete at the Minnesota Regional Science Fair this winter: Luke Cronin, Celia Hawton, Tatiana McKay, Madeline Podolinsky and Abe Tekalign. We wish them the best at the next stage of competition!

The Nativity of Mary Math Team wrapped up their 2017-18 competitive year with high scores and a strong finish. Our team competed with area schools and was one of the youngest teams competing! While most schools had primarily 8th grade students, we had a large group of students from 6-7-8th grade. Our top scores for the year were: 1st place, Noah Thornburg; 2nd place, Nate Vodnivick and tied for 3rd place, Ryan Larson and William Giles. Congratulations to all of our Math Team members.

REGISTRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Nativity looks forward to our Open House Event on January 28, 2018 from Noon to 2 p.m. Please plan to join us at Mass and for this special event! Here are a couple of updates to keep you informed:

- **New Aim Higher & Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) Deadline! Feb. 15, 2018:** Many of you received either Aim Higher or CCF scholarship as part of your tuition scholarship award. If you did receive a scholarship last year, you are receiving a letter with this information. **PLEASE GO TO TADS.COM and complete your financial aid application before Feb. 15 in order to be eligible!**
- **Announcing – Preschool Morning Care for 3 & 4 year olds!** Nativity of Mary preschool families will be able to take advantage of morning care for their preschool child. You can drop off next fall at 7:30 a.m. Morning care for preschool will be in the preschool classrooms. Cost and registration forms will be available by January 28. Thank you for your feedback on our preschool surveys.



LUNCH UPDATE: Thank you for your encouragement as we experience our new lunch vendor. We have received many compliments about the quality and taste of the food! Starting in February, we are going to have some alternative lunches daily. Rather than pre-order, students will be able to ask for the alternate as they go through the line. We will have a limited quantity, but

wanted to test it out this was as another option for students.

LOOKING FOR LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: We need more lunch volunteers who are willing to help monitor tables, wash tables and/or rinse trays. If you have time during lunch to assist, please email Jill at jgrimme@nativitybloomington.org.

ANNUAL FUND: Did you know Nativity of Mary School raises critical dollars through our Annual Fund? The Annual Fund was started two years ago. Last year, thanks to the help of alumni, parishioners, school supporters, and Nativity families, we raised over \$67,000 for our school with gifts and donations. This year, our goal is \$75,000 and to date we have raised \$38,045.



NEWS & NOTES 1-11-18

JAN.8-16 (K-2 Mid Year Assessments)

JAN.14: PTO Tubing Day

JAN. 15: NO SCHOOL

JAN.16: PTO Meeting
Don't forget to come and give us your ideas, 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space!

JAN. 26: Mid-trimester

JAN. 28: Nativity All School Mass at 10:30 a.m. & Open House!

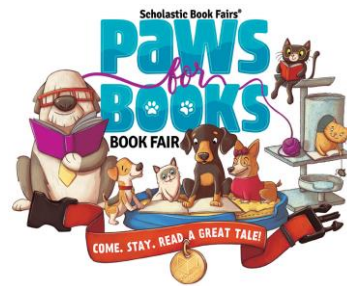
(Jan.28-Feb.2: Catholic Schools' Week, see the schedule for all the details!)

FEB 7: Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Night

FEB.9: Spirit Wear Day & Family Dance – 6:30-9pm

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.*

BOOK FAIR & VOLUNTEER NEEDS: We need your help! The Scholastic Book Fair is Jan. 28th – Feb. 1st, 2018. Many volunteers are needed! The Book Fair theme for 2018 is “Paws for Books – Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale” Email Kristi Riley to assist at the Fair - library@nativitybloomington.org.



NOMINATE A NATIVITY TEACHER: Love your child’s teacher? We invite you to nominate a Nativity teacher for a Minnesota Educator award! Nativity of Mary has the best teachers and we would love to have them showcased for all they do! Go to the website below to nominate a teacher, or two at: <https://www.educationminnesota.org/news/awards/teacher-of-the-year/nomination-form>. Also, check out nomination forms on local TV and Radio Stations! Visit the websites of your favorite stations to learn more.



PTO MEETING ON TUESDAY – January 16 at 7 p.m. Join the PTO in the Gathering Space to discuss upcoming events, plan socials, and discuss opportunities for this spring. Don’t miss the chance to visit with other parents and plan for our school.

KUDOS:

- **Congratulations to the Oltman family!** They welcomed little Paxton to their family this past weekend. His four siblings are loving having a new baby brother.
- **Daryl Guthmiller:** For painting the wall in the gymnasium a beautiful blue!

REMINDERS:

- **RECESS:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)
- **HOLY ANGELS OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED - 6-8th Grade Students & Families:** They will plan a morning Open House (date to be determined) in late January/early February for those 6 - 8th grade families who would like to learn more about Holy Angels and all that they offer. Meantime, if parents have questions or would like to schedule a personal tour and visit, please email Meg Angevine at mangevine@ahastars.org or call 612-798-0764.
- **8th Grade Students & Families:** Open House for DeLa Salle – Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 7-9 p.m.
- **RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE!** Did you forget to send them in? They have to be in on Friday! Send your money and stubs back to the office.
- **Tubing Day Out-Jan. 14:** PTO is sponsoring a day of tubing. Registrations forms were sent home previously and need to be returned to sign up!

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

- *Various Community Education Fliers*

PRAYER: Join us in praying for ...Faithfulness during January; Families who have a loved one with ill health.

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder – mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

Nativity of Mary 7th Grade students at the Science Fair!

