

News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

Welcome to 2018! What a joy to see the smiling faces of your children this week. The school truly is a lonely place without our students. During Christmas Break, our Physical Education Department received a generous donation from the Men's Club. From new basketballs to snow shoes, the physical education equipment was added to and updated, as well as organized. A special thank you to the Men's Club elves and their wives!

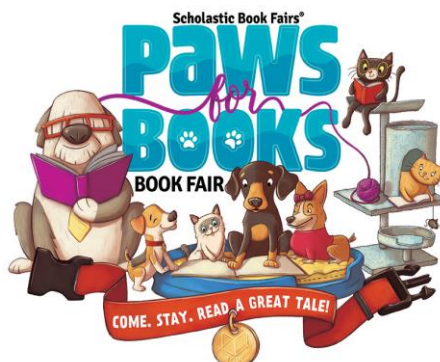


EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: *Nativity of Mary School is alive this winter with many activities and events that enrich your child through body, mind and spirit. Join the fun!*

- **Basketball:** Nativity students, and many parents, are busy with Nativity basketball for all ages. If you're not playing, come to support our students at home games!
- **Ski Club:** Families and students can ski. A sign up was already sent home and skiing starts this Friday. This program is run by Nativity parents.
- **Math Team:** Students in Middle School compete in math and practice weekly!
- **Robotics:** Every Wednesday, students in Grades 1-5 are staying after school to program robots! This program helps to enrich and extend every day learning from the classroom. Missed this session? Watch for a sign up for later this year.
- **Girl & Boy Scouts!** Various clubs in most grades exist, reach out to learn more.
- **Show Choir:** For Middle School singers, talk to Miss Shukle about joining.
- **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!

52 CLUB RAFFLE! This is the last weekend to sell your raffle tickets! All families are asked to sell the 10 tickets that were sent home in December. All sold and unsold tickets and cash or checks need to be returned on January 8th to the school office. **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NATIVITY!**

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. Please find enclosed a letter with information about our Annual Fund. As a school family you can consider a donation or you may want to invite a family member or business partner to donate or match your gift! We thank you for your support and ask you to pray for the success of our Annual Fund!



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. In addition, see the enclosed flier for additional upcoming volunteer needs!

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JAN. 5: Spirit Wear Day!

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

JAN. 9: Science Fair 7th Grade – Judging

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!

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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NOMINATE A NATIVITY TEACHER: Love your child's teacher? We invite you to nominate a Nativity teacher for a Minnesota Educator award! Link: <https://www.educationminnesota.org/news/awards/teacher-of-the-year/nomination-form>. Also check out nominations to recognize our teachers on local TV and Radio Stations! Visit the websites of your favorite entertainment and news stations to learn more.

KUDOS:

- **Nativity School Families:** Thank you for all of the Christmas gifts & treats! The teachers and staff truly appreciate the royal treatment that you give us and thank you for your kindness. Special thanks to our Men's Club who sent a little elf down the hallway to deliver treats and Christmas blessings!

REMINDERS:

- **Recess:** We are always looking for recess help, click here: [Recess link](#)
- **6-8th Grade Students & Families:** Holy Angels is hosting their "Winter Open House" on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 6-8 p.m. They invite you to come and learn about the AHA Way!

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

- *Volunteer Needs*
- *Annual Fund announcement*
- *Various Community Education Fliers*

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

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Nativity of Mary students experimenting during Robotics!

