

News & Notes



Dear Nativity Families:

Blessed Easter! May this Easter Break and the beautiful Holy Week help bring your family closer to Christ and the beautiful gift of everlasting life. The Easter Triduum calls us to reflect on each phase of the final journey of Christ. What a solemn time to reflect, to pray, and to help others. Father Gjengdahl invited Nativity students to pray daily during Holy Week this prayer: "Create in me a clean heart Oh God!" I will be joining the students in this prayer and invite all of our families to pray as we renew our faith this Easter.

NEW STUDENTS: Welcome to Cameron and his family this week! Cameron joined our Kindergarten class. Please reach out to welcome him and his family!

GRANT WINNERS! Nativity of Mary School is being recognized! We received two grants this past week. Special thanks to our technology consultant, Marie Maslowski, who helped to write these grants, and to our School Advisory Council and Focus for the Future Committee for guiding our schools' direction:

- **STEM & Technology \$500 Grant** – through Catholic United Financial. We also received a \$15 grant for a family purchasing insurance with Catholic United.
- **University of Notre Dame Grant** – Nativity of Mary School is honored to be selected as part of the "Higher Powered Learning-3 Year Grant Program." Our staff will be working with educators from Notre Dame to help grow our technology integration, differentiated instruction, and higher powered learning skills for all students. These skills will help lead to stronger reading and math results!

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOR ALL PHY ED TEACHERS & PARENT COACHES!

Join former Minnesota Vikings player, Matt Birk to learn about the 4HG Athletics Conference scheduled for **Friday, April 13, 2018** with an 8 a.m. Mass. The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served. The event will be hosted by St. Charles Borromeo in Minneapolis. Details: [FLIER](#) & [REGISTER TO ATTEND \(CLICK\)](#)

SPIRIT OF SPRING: Think Spring during Easter Break! Enclosed in this folder is information to help make our largest fundraiser of the year a huge success for 2018-19:

- Donate items for the Silent or Live Auction! (Idea list enclosed)
- Sponsor this event! You can promote your business or show your support through a sponsorship of \$100, \$200, \$300 or \$500!
- Volunteer to help on April 20th or 21st – See the enclosed volunteer needs.
- Sell your raffle tickets! Each ticket is only \$10 and gives everyone you sell to three chances to win cash!



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****FRIDAYS:**

Adoration (9-2 p.m.)
& Stations (3 p.m.)

MARCH 23: Adoration
until 2 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at
3 p.m.

MARCH 26-APRIL 2:
EASTER BREAK – NO
SCHOOL

APRIL 3: School
Resumes

APRIL 6: Deadline for
Scholarship Application
& Registraton Due!
(Spirit Wear Day)

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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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-DUE APRIL 6:

- **Preschool & Kindergarten Registration:** We have only a few spots left in our 3 and 5 Day Classes. **REGISTER NOW!** You may download your registration form! [PRESCHOOL FORM](#) [K-8 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:

- **Alek & Matthew Romanowski – Principals for a Day!** They helped to oversee the school in style! (Win this opportunity for your child at the Spirit of Spring!)
- **Ski Club – Special thanks to the Steve & Jodi Opstad Family** for coordinating all of our Ski Club events! This is truly a favorite program of our school!
- **March 25- Raffle Winner for the 52 Club is....William & Desiree Kukuk - \$100!**
- **Thanks for supporting the 6th Annual Men's Club Fish Fry!** It was a fantastic event with over 1100 attendees. We love our Men's Club – a few photos, below.



REMINDERS:

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Recess and lunch volunteers needed daily: [Recess Link](#)
- **ANNUAL FUND:** To date we have raised **\$48,808** 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: "Create in me a clean heart Oh God" – this Easter Break!

BLESSINGS, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org



MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTES



MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH "A-La-Carte": All items are only .50 cents each and available during the middle school lunch period, only. Students can come down with money to purchase tickets for these items in the morning. This way, families can control how much they spend on extra items!

GRADUATION DATE CHANGE- 8th GRADE PARENTS:

- **Wednesday, June 6-2018 - Time: 6:30 p.m.** (Plan to arrive no later than 6:15 p.m.) Reception to follow (Students are then invited to stay for a graduation dance!)
- **Attire:** Formal, Girls and boys are asked to dress up in their best! Keep in mind, dresses must have sleeves, or be worn with a sweater. Boys are encouraged to wear dress pants and shirts and even ties. Students will be wearing a gown for the Mass.