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Think Pink Day

Friday, May 19th

Bring in \$2 on Friday the 19th and you can be out of uniform as long as you are wearing PINK!

The money will go to support people who are dealing with breast cancer.





faithful + beginnings

at Nativity of Mary Catholic School

Announcing: A NEW PRESCHOOL CLASS!

Nativity of Mary Preschool is opening a new, 5-day class for the 2017-18 school year. We've added a new class to better meet the demands of our families and the needs of our students.

- **2 Day Preschool** (3 year olds)
- **3 Day Preschool** (4 year olds)
- **5 Day PreKindergarten** (4 year olds)
- **5 Day Early Kindergarten** (Students turning 5, May-October 2017)
Current families enrolled in the 5 Day PreKindergarten may be invited to join the Early Kindergarten class, based on your child's birthdate.

Families may enroll in a morning only program or for the full day, 9:30–4 p.m. depending on your needs. Nativity preschool students may also ride the bus through Bloomington transportation.



<u>Preschool Tuition</u>	<u>9:30-12:00</u>	<u>9:30-4 p.m.</u>
2 Day.....	\$135.....	\$325
3 Day.....	\$175.....	\$425
5 Day PreK.....	\$275.....	\$700
5 Day Early.....	\$275.....	\$700

All families are invited to apply for preschool scholarships through Parent Aware at: www.thinksmall.org



NATIVITY of **MARY**
SCHOOL

NATIVITY PARENTS



IS COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars! Mrs. Steffen's and the PTO are planning an afternoon for the Pre-K-5th grade that's sure to be memorable!

June 6th, from 1:00-3:30

- ❖ Games, Games and More Games!! Remember when you used to have wheel barrel races, run three legged races and have a tug-o-war! That's the kind of games we're talking about! Good ole' fashion FUN!
- ❖ New this year: FAMILY FUN RUN at 3:00
- ❖ Ice cream treat wrap up
- ❖ 4:00 SUMMER IS HERE!!!!!!

Be on the lookout. We will be sending a sign up genius link through the teacher's newsletters to sign up to volunteer!

Mark yourself out of the office and join your child(ren) for a family fun afternoon. A fantastic way to kick off summertime!



Nativity of Mary Catholic School is excited to announce the introduction of block scheduling to Nativity Middle School for 2017-18.

What is block scheduling and why move to this model?

Block scheduling has served students in many schools and varies from school to school in its format. Schools transition to block scheduling generally to allow more learning time into a teacher's instructional period. This next year, Nativity middle school students will benefit from longer class periods in math, science, social studies, language arts, and Spanish/grammar. We are starting with a 60 minute block schedule as we roll out this first block schedule year. This will allow for more in-depth learning and discussions and lead to development of higher order thinking. This longer class period will also create more time during the day for homework and in-class support.

In addition, students in math will be partnered by ability to best challenge each student at their learning level. As part of this structure, we will move to a five teacher model for middle school. Some classes will remain in smaller groupings, such as math and science, while other classes will be with their whole class to build rich discussion and project based opportunities. This 5 teacher model is based on current enrollment. Future plans include adding an art program.

How will the block scheduling affect other classes?

Music, band, physical education, and bells will continue to be the same length as they are now and typically offered every other day. New to our schedule, teachers at least once a month will add an enrichment challenge through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), taking a break from the normal block schedule. Students will continue to live out the Catholic Social Teachings through service opportunities.

Who is the Math teacher?

Mrs. Ellen Tronnes, a current Nativity teacher is transferring into our Math position for Middle School. She has a Master's in Education and is a licensed middle school math teacher. Prior to working at Nativity, she taught math in Chaska. Mrs. Tronnes will teach 6th grade advanced math, and 7-8th grade math and advanced math classes. Mrs. Laura Millenacker, who is not only a licensed Spanish teacher, but also a licensed middle school social studies teacher and 1-6 classroom teacher, will teach the 6th grade math class.

Who will be teaching Religion?

- **6th Grade – Mrs. Prusha** – *This is the grade that she typically has taught. They do study the Saints as part of their 6th grade religion.*
- **7th Grade – Mr. Schild** – *He taught religion while teaching at a previous Catholic school and looks forward to bringing the use of Socratic circles and Biblical theology back into his teaching.*
- **8th Grade – Mrs. Tronnes** – *Focuses on Catholic Social Teachings. Students develop a greater understanding of how to live out their Catholic faith through the choices they make in their life. They also study Catholic history.*

WHAT DO OTHERS SAY ABOUT BLOCK SCHEDULING?

ARTICLE FROM "NEA TODAY"

– FARMINGTON SCHOOLS:

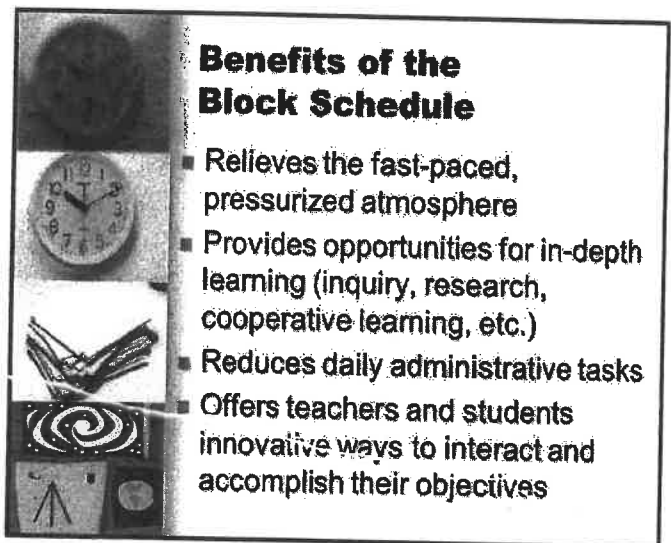
Last fall (2016) Farmington's two middle schools joined the district high school in transitioning to fewer, longer periods during the day – four 80-minute classes, instead of nine, 44-minute classes. So what happened in between this year and last year?

Kerry Beton, a literacy teacher at Boeckman Middle School in Farmington, Minnesota, says there is more of a "calm" at her school this year.

"We have less behavioral issues because there's less chaos in the hallways. The pace just seems to be little different, a little slower," she says. Beton credits the switch to a block schedule.

While Beton appreciates a less hectic day, the most valuable benefit of these longer periods is the opportunity for more in-depth learning. "Now we have the time to take the lessons further and really engage students."

<http://neatoday.org/2016/03/04/block-schedules-stress-buster/>



Benefits of the Block Schedule

- Relieves the fast-paced, pressurized atmosphere
- Provides opportunities for in-depth learning (inquiry, research, cooperative learning, etc.)
- Reduces daily administrative tasks
- Offers teachers and students innovative ways to interact and accomplish their objectives

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Nativity of Mary Catholic School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsive citizens in a global society.



MAKE OUR GREAT SCHOOL EVEN BETTER! PTO INVITES YOU TO SEEK A LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THE BOARD

What is the Nativity of Mary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)?

The objectives of the partnership between school and parents are:

- To administer parent volunteer programs within Nativity of Mary Catholic School.
- To work with and support the principal/SAC to establish and promote educational, social, and/or fundraising events for the benefit of the Nativity of Mary School and to coordinate such events.
- To work with the volunteer coordinator staff person to ensure that all parents have met the obligatory background and Virtus training requirements.
- To encourage all families to meet their volunteer commitment to the school.
- To coordinate one large all school fundraising event a year.

PTO BOARD EXPECTATIONS:

- Serve a 2 year minimum term.
- Attend monthly planning meetings.
- Establish and oversee committees to conduct the work of the PTO and events of the school, oversee fundraising program, develop written materials and procedures for all events and fundraising in order to use as a guide for each future year.
- Serve as sub-committee member to at least 2 school event committees, representing the PTO.

If you are interested in being considered as a candidate or want to nominate someone for the PTO, please **complete the application form on the backside of this document and turn into PTO mailbox by May 19, 2017.** Please contact Annette Poelvoorde at Netter0719@aol.com or Kate Barkow at cchromy@hotmail.com with any questions you may have. Thanks you for your interest and consideration.

PLEASE TURN OVER TO FILL OUT CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Nativity of Mary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Candidate Application

1. Tell us about yourself. Please include special skills, interests or your educational background.
2. What challenges do you see Nativity of Mary school facing in the coming years?
3. What talents/qualifications/experiences do you feel you can contribute that will help this committee to work effectively to grow?
4. What would be the most exciting about working with the PTO?