



**Dear Nativity Families:**

**Fantastic Rake-A-Thon!** Thank you to all of our families who assisted with our Rake-A-Thon this past Saturday. Through your efforts, we raked 18 yards across Bloomington. Thank you for inspiring a love of service in your children through this effort.

**NOVEMBER 12:** Please join us this next Monday for a short Veteran's Day program at 10:30 a.m. We will gather in the gym for a short ceremony and then go outside to the Flag Pole. Veterans are welcome. Our band and choir will sing and we will have a salute given by area Veterans.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**THIS FRIDAY IS AN OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY!** Wear your "Rally for Robertson" t-shirt or come dressed in pink and green!

- **"Rally for Robertson" - November 9:** Join us this Friday at 2:30 p.m. for our Fun Run! Weather permitting, we will be outside. Please support Mrs. Robertson as she recovers!
  - **We've surpassed \$1,000 in donations!** Mrs. Reeder will be hopping in a bunny suit!
  - **If we reach \$5,000 at a later date Father Gjengdahl will work on the roof!** Stay tuned.
  - **Please make checks to Lynn Robertson. Thank you for your support!**
- **NOV. 15 & 19 PRE-K to GRADE 8 CONFERENCES:** Our teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and goals. Please sign up by this Friday at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a8a728a4fa7-nativity1>



**NATIVITY APPAREL:** Three additional ways to support Lynn Robertson by ordering apparel!

- **APPARELNOW:** A web based company has both Nativity of Mary Church and School logos! Visit [www.apparelnow.com](http://www.apparelnow.com) and use the "Find a Store" box to enter "Nativity of Mary" in the selection box. Selections include t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, mugs and much more. Check it out!
- **EDUCATIONAL OUTFITTERS:** Has both Spirit Wear and Uniforms. They will make a donation to support Lynn Robertson. Order at: <http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/MN>
- **BLOOMINGTON CUSTOM EMBROIDARY:** Will also donate a portion back from Nativity Spirit Wear orders. Visit them at: <http://www.4alarmclothing.com/Nativity.html>



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (CSCOE)** – They are looking for student talent! Do you dream of going into acting? Do you have a great voice? Email Melissa Hamilton to let her know if you are interested at: [melissahamilton@cscoe-mn.org](mailto:melissahamilton@cscoe-mn.org) Also, if you loved the student Mass and this impacted you, write a letter to CSCOE and drop it off at the office so that we can share it with CSCOE.

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**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:** The Holiday Boutique committee is looking for vendors for our upcoming boutique on December 8<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to showcase your business or know of someone else, please email the committee at: [nompto@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:nompto@nativitybloomington.org) and we will send you information.

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

**NOV. 8: NEWSLETTER**

**NOV. 9: Rally for Robertson-2:30 p.m.**



**NOV. 12: Veteran's Day Program – 10:30 a.m.**

**NOV. 15 & 19: Parent Teacher Conferences**

**NOV. 21 – 23: Thanksgiving Break-NO SCHOOL**

**NOV. 28 & 29 : NO PM BUS** – all families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days.

**NOV. 30: NO BUS** – This is a parent drive day!



**PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20:** Students who will be four next fall and in their last year of preschool, are invited to apply for scholarships. You are eligible to apply if: - *You will be enrolling in our Preschool for the 2019-20 school year at either the St. Edward's Campus or Nativity of Mary Campus - This will be your child's last year of preschool - You consider your family to have a middle income - You need a scholarship to help pay for your preschool tuition.*

**Apply:** <https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

**NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL IS EXPANDING ITS PRESCHOOL IN 2019:** Nativity of Mary School and the Church of St. Edward have teamed up to open a Catholic preschool in West Bloomington at the Church of St. Edward. We will offer the same focus on excellence with a West Bloomington address. The first preschool class will begin September 2019. Please help us share this great news throughout the community. **An Open House is planned for January 13, 2019.**

**CAREERS WITH NATIVITY:** If you are interested in working at Nativity of Mary School we have the following openings. Information about each position is posted online with the Archdiocese at: <http://careers.archspm.org/>

- Maintenance and Custodian Positions
- Early Childhood Preschool Director/Teacher (St. Edward's Campus)

**KUDOS:**

- **Halloween Parties!** Thank you parents for helping at our Halloween parties. We appreciated the creative games and time out of your day to make this a wonderful event.
- **Rake-A-Thon Volunteers** – Thank you for the gift of your time to help serve the greater Bloomington area by raking leaves. Special thanks to this year's Coordinator, the Krentz Family!
- **Positivity Project Students:** Congratulations to our Creativity strength students – Lucas Gutierrez and Colleen Tronnes; Perspective strength Students – Nolan Hoelt and Makayla Anderson
- **52 Club Winners:** Chad Blake - \$100 winner!

**REMINDERS:**

- **NOV. 28 & 29: NO PM BUS** –All families must make arrangements to pick up their child(ren). There is only morning bus routes for these days
- **NOV. 30: NO BUSES TODAY!** Please plan to drop off your children and pick them up, there is no Bloomington buses all day.

**Blessings – Mindy Reeder, PRINCIPAL** [mreeder@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mreeder@nativitybloomington.org)



**LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!** Would you consider hosting a student from Korea for the Spring semester? Your family receives funds when you host a student. They attend school here at Nativity. Families who have hosted find that their hearts are changed forever! Consider hosting and call to learn more at KOAM – 651.300.2380 or 800.521.6640.



**BENILDE-ST. MARGARET - HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT – Nov. 17, 2018: Start your shopping early!** Come to Benilde-St. Margaret's and shop over 60 merchants from 10 – 3 p.m. The event is free; however, you can purchase a VIP wristband to receive exclusive offerings.

**LUNCH UPDATES: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches will end:** Due to changes and requirements, we will not be able to continue offering the Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches as an alternate meal. Please note this for the remaining November Lunch Calendar.

**Do you know how to put money into your child's lunch account?** Go to Educate.com and log in. Forgot your login? Call the school office or email Wanda Hagerty and she will resend an email for you to create a new password.

**A La Carte Tickets:** For only .75, they can pick up an extra item during the lunch period. Tickets may be purchased in the morning.



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**HIGHER POWERED  
LEARNING PROGRAM  
at NATIVITY**

Nativity of Mary School is partnering with the University of Notre Dame in a three year grant through their Higher Powered Learning Program. Their staff is working directly with our teachers, four this year, but all of our teachers over the next three years, to implement a personalized learning program for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

**What are our BLAST teachers doing now?** This week the Notre Dame team was here observing the BLAST classrooms.

**All Nativity Teachers?** All Nativity teachers met in their Professional Learning Communities (PLC) this week to discuss goals for November in building relationships with students, expanding on ideas for their classrooms, and creating long lasting relationships with colleagues.

# Mor **N** ing athletes

**Morning Athletes** is proud to offer more opportunities for Nativity of Mary students to enhance skills, improve fitness level, and have fun!!!

**All sessions are Grades K-8.**

o It is important for the students of Nativity of Mary to **Learn** and **Discover** how to work together! **Safety** is VERY important; this is a main **Focus** every day in and out of the gymnasium! Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Steffens! ☺



**Floor Hockey- WE ARE THE STATE OF HOCKEY!!!**

Students will have the opportunity to gain extra practice and improve their Floor Hockey skills! Students will perform series of drills that will enhance their stickhandling technique, passing, shooting and most of all **TEAMWORK!**

**Wednesdays:** (4 Sessions) 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12 **Time:** 8:30-9:15 AM **Class:** FH **Cost:** \$35



**Friday Fitness Fun!**

Students will enhance their fitness level with emphasis on speed, agility, strength, flexibility, and endurance by engaging in fun and innovative exercises.

**Fridays:** (4 Sessions) 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 **Time:** 8:30-9:15 AM **Class:** FH **Cost:** \$35

All classes are instructed by Physical Education Teacher, Blair Steffens. Please contact Mrs. Steffens with any questions regarding these opportunities via email at [bsteffens@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:bsteffens@nativitybloomington.org). **Space may be limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.**

-----Morning Athlete Registrations (return to School office)-----

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es): FH FFF

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Classes are \$35 each per student. Please make checks payable to **Nativity** and return registration and payment to the school office.

**Total Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_



**NATIVITY***of* **MARY**  
SCHOOL

## **Middle School Blackout Dance**

**When? Friday November 16**

**What Time? 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Where? Door 12 (Gym Door)**

**Why? To Have Fun!**

**No excess makeup or face paint is allowed**

### **What Should I bring?**

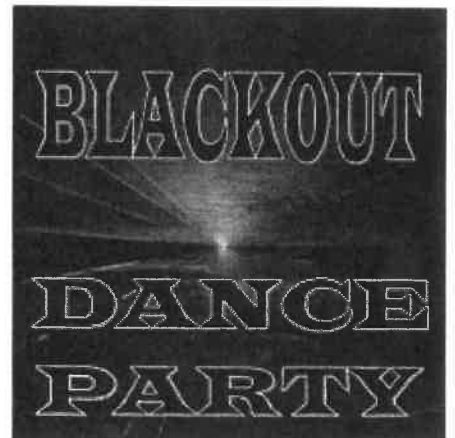
**8th Grade: Sweet Treat**

**7th Grade: Salty Snack**

**6th Grade: Paper plates; Cups; Napkins**

**\$5 Entry!**

**Organized by Nativity Leadership**



11/6/18

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Your child may have been exposed to:

## Strep Throat

Strep throat and a strep throat with rash (scarlet fever) are common bacterial infections in children.

If you think your child has strep throat, tell your childcare provider or call the school.

Keep your child home from childcare and school until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins and the fever is gone.

Children who test positive for strep, but do not have symptoms, do not need to be excluded. They are unlikely to spread the infection to other people.

For more information, call Hennepin County HSPHD-Epidemiology at 612-543-5230 or call your local health department.

## Symptoms

**Strep throat** - Your child may have a fever that starts suddenly, red sore throat, and swollen glands. Headache may occur. Children may have stomach pain and vomiting.

**Scarlet fever** - Sometimes a very fine red rash appears at the same time as the throat soreness. The rash feels like sandpaper and is most often on the neck, chest, elbow, groin, inner thigh, and folds of the armpit. Later on, the skin on the fingertips and toes may peel.

If your child is infected, it may take 2 to 5 days for symptoms to start.

## Spread

- By coughing or sneezing.
- By touching contaminated hands, objects, or surfaces.

## Contagious period

Until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

## Call your health care provider

- If anyone in your home has symptoms. A doctor may do a lab test and give antibiotics. Not all sore throats are caused by strep.

## Prevention

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Use a tissue or your sleeve. Dispose of used tissues in the trash.
- Wash hands after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Your child may need help with handwashing.
- Never share drink containers, cups, or silverware. Wash all dishes with hot soapy water between uses.
- Clean and disinfect any objects that come in contact with secretions from the nose or mouth (especially mouthed toys). Use a product that kills germs.

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\* Students will need a bag lunch to take with her.

Field Trip

Parental/Guardian Consent Form & Indemnity Agreement

The student must have this form to participate. Phone calls will not be acceptable.

FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ~~THE CLASSROOM TEACHER~~ BY 11-15-18  
Mrs. Pruska

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:  
 Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Type of Event: Wed., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - 2018  
 Destination: Operation Christmas Child  
 Individual(s) in Charge: Theresa Pruska  
 Estimated time of departure: 9:30 am Return: 2:30 pm  
 Mode of Transportation to & from event: bus  
 Student cost (if applicable): 0

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian name) (Child's name)

To participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/school and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the parish/school/Archdiocese of St Paul/Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/law suit.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT:** In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT Name of alternate contact person Phone Number of alternate person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone this event. \_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to chaperone this event.  
As parent/guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.  
All chaperones must have a background check, Virtus training and signed Volunteer Code of Conduct on file.

**OPTIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION:**  
Medication my child is taking at present: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Health Plan Carrier Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let me know if you are able to go. The student to adult ratio is 3:1.

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Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Type of Event: Tues. December 4, 2018  
Destination: Feed My Starving Children  
Individual(s) in Charge: Theresa Prusha  
Estimated time of departure: 11:30 Return: 2:30  
Mode of Transportation to & from event: bus  
Student cost (if applicable): 0

\* 5 students need a bag lunch to eat.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
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The student is adult ratio 3:1. I p chaperone, please let me know.

# FRIDAY

# NIGHT

# LIVE!

*Nov. 16th,  
2018*

Calling all middle schoolers to come join us for our monthly middle school night called Friday Night Live on Nov. 16th! FNL is an awesome night full of free pizza, snacks, epic games/activities, and prayer!

This is for 6th, 7th, 8th graders.

(Led by St. Bonaventure's High School/Adult Core Team)

This event will be hosted at Nativity of Mary in Bloomington, MN  
from 6:00-10:00pm!

This event is FREE! To RSVP for this event please go to our youth ministry website: [www.stbonaventureyouth.com/forms](http://www.stbonaventureyouth.com/forms)

We hope to see you there! Bring a friend!  
If don't RSVP but want to come last minute, that's okay.  
We would love to have you come anyway!



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# WINTER BLAST

*Dec. 14-15, 2018*

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN AWESOME ALL NIGHT LOCK-IN AT THE MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER WITH A TON OF OTHER PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE!

**THERE WILL BE:**

**ICE SKATING - MOVIES - ARCADE - DANCE - HAIR SALON - INFLATABLES  
PIZZA - POP - SNACKS - PRAYER - ADORATION - CONFESSION  
SWIMMING - CRAFTS - PHOTO BOOTH - GYM - HOCKEY**

**ALSO CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES LIKE IPAD MINI OR CASH PRIZES!**

**WHERE: CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL AND  
MAPLE GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**WHEN: DEC 14-15 (ALL NIGHTER). DEPART FROM ST. BONAVENTURE AT 6:45 PM.  
RETURN ON DEC. 15TH AT ST. BONANTURE AT 6:15 AM.**

**WHO: 6TH-8TH GRADE / TEEN LEADERS / ADULT CHAPERONES**

**COST: \$40.00 PER TEEN (WE HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS IF NEEDED)**

**REGISTRATION? GO TO [WWW.STBONAVENTUREYOUTH.COM/FORMS](http://WWW.STBONAVENTUREYOUTH.COM/FORMS)  
TO REGISTER. THE DEADLINE IS NOV. 14TH.**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL [GABBYS@SAINTBONAVENTURE.ORG](mailto:GABBYS@SAINTBONAVENTURE.ORG)**



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