

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The staff and I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all the cards, notes, treats and gifts that you have shared with all of us. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated.

Thank you to so many of you who helped out people in need this past Christmas season with "Adopt a Family" and VEAP. Families were so grateful for what they received, and we brought another 395 lbs. of food to VEAP during the Christmas season.

We have a lot of exciting events coming up this month. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25 – 28. On Thursday, Jan. 28, we will have our talent show at 1:15 in the school cafeteria. If alumni would like to view the event, they are welcome, but you do need to be with an adult.

Preschool – We are opening a Preschool next fall! We will have a 3 year old, 4 year old, and 4/5 year old program. An Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 6-8 p.m. Please let friends and neighbors know about this exciting opportunity. There is information on our website as well. We will have registration forms available soon. Please call the office if you would like a form put in your communication folder.

Catch them Being Good Basket Winners

Room 120 – Ariel Aguirre	Room 121 – Megan Hoaglund
Room 101 – Becky Nordquist	Room 103 – Adam Nordquist
Room 102 – Alex Knoll	Room 104 – Gavin Stevens
Room 105 – Natalie Doan	Room 107 – Nora Grace Stolfus
Room 106 – Renee Castro	Room 108 – Albert Musoke
Room 109 – Nicole Robertson	Room 110 – Maria Dockendorf
Room 115 – Sarah Conlin	Room 116 – Morgan McCollow
Room 111 – Laura Peller	Room 113 – Samantha Morin
Room 114 – Molly Schoenecker	Room 112 – AJ Hill

52 Club

The 52 club tickets are due in the office. The drawing is on Friday, January 15th. This is a mandatory fundraiser. If you do not hand in your tickets and money, you will be billed for the cost.

The December 20 winner of \$100.00 was Richard Vigen
The December 27 winner of \$1,000.00 was Art and Karyn Columbo.

FYI:

- Registration Information Night for Jefferson and Kennedy is on Monday, January 11th.
- Please remember that all visitors must sign in at the office. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, January 12	3:45 p.m. Choir
Wednesday, January 13	8:15 a.m. KIDS Council
Thursday, January 14	7:30 a.m. School Commission; 9:45 a.m. School Mass
Friday, January 15	52 Club Drawing

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, January 11	1:00–3:00	Jennifer McCollow, Harriet Johnson/Sara Hoepfner
Tuesday, January 12	10:00-11:35	Sue Wilson
	12:00-3:40	Jill Schreiber-Smith, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, January 13	12:10-3:00	Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Thursday, January 14	12:00-3:35	Amy Monssen, Kathleen Hollingsworth

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, January 11	T. Flowers, J. Musoke, B. Kern, M. Johnson
Tuesday, January 12	R. Bailey, B. Dockendorf, L. Harris, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, January 13	L. Peller, C. Schirber, K. Berkowitz, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 14	M. Koch, N. Machtig, T. Cassidy, Need a Volunteer
Friday, January 15	M. Huber, R. Flentje, Need 2 Volunteers

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, January 11	11:30 – 12:25	C. Flowers, S. Lindberg
Tuesday, January 12	11:30 – 12:25	T Peller, T. McCollow
Wednesday, January 13	11:30 – 12:25	S. Olstad, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 14	11:30 – 12:25	S. Hank, C. Robbel
Friday, January 15	11:30 – 12:25	M. Powers, B. Singhel

DEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS:

Middle School Teachers

THANK YOU so much for the wonderful gift of Scrip for Christmas. Your generosity is truly appreciated! Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The Middle School Teachers

TALENT SHOW DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Nativity Talent Show is Thursday, January 28. Talent Show entry forms are available in the office. Completed entry forms are due in the office by Monday, January 11th. Auditions will be scheduled during the week of January 18th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Talley, Mrs. Hodgson or Ms. Endert.

FLU-LIKE ILLNESS AND REPORTING ABSENCES

Becky Rodier RN

When calling the attendance line with an absence, please be sure to be specific as to how high your child's fever is and if he/she has a cough or sore throat along with the fever. The Minnesota Department of Health has asked all school nurses to continue to track their school numbers for influenza-like illness. Please call each day that your child is absent with an update of his/her

symptoms. Please keep encouraging your children to use good hand washing and to cover their coughs and sneezes.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Jeri Wheeler

Hey Kids! Mad Science, Inc. will be offering Crazy Chemworks on Thursdays starting mid January on the Nativity Campus for grades 1-5! This action packed program explores the chemistry of every day life. With spectacular hands-on activities with real lab equipment, stunning demonstrations and inquiry-based discussions, students learn to apply the concepts and techniques like a real chemist.

Also, for kids K-4, Abrakadoodle will be back on Wednesdays in January with ALL NEW LESSONS! Students will create their own unique masterpieces while painting, sculpting, sketching, collaging and learning how to draw. Along the way students will learn about famous artists such as Picasso, Monet and Matisse while learning art technique, vocabulary and history.

Registration flyers will be coming home this week with your children!

COOKIE DOUGH SALE

Liz Schoenecker

Nativity of Mary 8th grade students are selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough to raise funds for their Chicago trip this spring. All school families will get an order form in next week's communications folder. Your orders can benefit a specific 8th grade student or go into the general fund for all 8th graders. If you want a particular student to get credit for your order, put their name on the order form. All orders are due on Tuesday, January 19th. The cookie dough will be delivered to school on Monday, February 22nd. Contact Liz Schoenecker (lizschoenecker@msn.com) or Sherri Werner (sherri_werner@merck.com) if you have questions. Thanks!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SNOW TUBING AT BUCK HILL

Sandy Sullivan

The Middle School students will be tubing at Buck Hill on Friday February 5th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Permission slips will be going out in the next 2 weeks. I am also in need of chaperones for this event. I am looking for at least 2 people from each grade 6-7-8th. If interested please email me ASAP at ssullivan545@aol.com. Thank you.

AHA WINTER OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & FAMILIES

The Academy of Holy Angels is hosting a Winter Open House for prospective students and their families on Thursday, January 14, 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school located at 6600 Nicollet Avenue South in Richfield.

Winter Open House is a way for families who may have missed AHA's fall open houses to learn more about Holy Angels. It is for the whole family and will include an overview of the rigorous academics at Holy Angels, the school's talented and dedicated teachers, the 60 co-curricular activities, and the opportunities for students to grow in and live their faith. Information about how Holy Angels integrates the latest technologies and individual laptop applications to improve learning and student achievement also will be part of the presentation.

Notes about the eighth-grade placement test: Eighth-graders who apply for admission to Holy Angels should take a placement exam. AHA offers the ACT Explore test. Holy Angels will offer the exam on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The test will be administered from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Students should bring a pencil, a calculator and a \$10 testing fee. Parents are invited to attend a financial aid workshop that day beginning at 8:45 a.m. while their students are taking the placement exam. A make-up exam will be offered on Tuesday, January 19, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the open house, the placement test, financial aid resources, or AHA admissions procedures, contact Admissions Director Jesse Foley at 612-798-2621 or jfoley@academyofholyangels.org.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Jennifer Lovegreen

The winner of the December ice cream party was Mrs. Woychick's 3rd grade class. They collected almost \$50 in box tops in the month of December! Way to go!!! I wanted to give you an update as to how much we have earned so far this year. I submitted \$732.30 on October 31st and another \$587 on December 31st. That means we have submitted \$1319.30 in just four months of school. That is awesome! Keep sending in those box tops, have family members save for us and don't forget to do any online shopping thru boxtops4education.com!!

HELP NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE

Nativity Preschool Open House is January 19, K-8 Open House is January 26, and Kindergarten Round-up is February 18.

Help is needed at all of these annual events to welcome new families to Nativity of Mary School. If you can help with hospitality, be a greeter or help with set up during the day for either of these events, please contact Audrey Riddle at mnariddle@comcast.net

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to these students at Holy Angels.

These students received **Scholars of Distinction** – 4.0 grade point average:
Sarah Gwazdac, Zack Machacek, Peter McGrane, and Stephen Raab.

These students received **High Honor Roll** – grade point average of 3.6667 – 3.999:
Kyle Backman, Jeff Bedor, Nicole Berrien, Alison Bresnahan, Scott Caple, Sarah Catcher, Andrew Easton, Kersten Freeberg, Kaitlyn Grausam, Danielle Heimkes, Madeline Hentges, Katharine Hoffmann, Anna-Claire Hubbard, Alexander Kern, Laura Margarit, Davis Nygren, Katie Peller, Abby Schoenecker, and Bridget Wollak.

These students made the **Honor Roll** – grade point average of 3.2 to 3.6666:
Joshua Banister, Daniel Cole, Luke Effertz, Brandon Gnerer, Patrick Harris, Jonathan Heath, Mitchell Hoffmann, Maddy Lingenfelter, Sheireen Moin, Robby Poehling, Will Robertson, Nick Sauro, John Schneider, Rachel Schneider, Phil Skogmo, Michelle Stolz, and Jenny Tobroxen.

SKI AND SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Amy Monssen

Remember we are going to Buck Hill on Friday, January 8th and will be meeting in the cafeteria after school again. The first ski trip to Buck Hill went really well, however with a lot of new kids I have some important reminders. First, please remember to pack food to eat at the ski hill or send money with your child. Also, it is supposed to be really cold on Friday, so please dress for it! Hats, scarves, face covers, goggles, hand warmers and wool socks are all a good idea! Pick-up for the kids is 7:30 p.m. unless they have a note with permission to stay later without a chaperone.

Also, in the last News & Notes it said that one of our dates was Thursday, February 12th and just to clarify it is Friday, February 12th.

Fourth through eighth grade students participating in Ski and Snowboarding Club, the dates for the Nativity Ski Club have been set and are as follows:

Ski and Snowboard Club Schedule

Friday	January 8	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	January 22	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	February 12	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	February 26	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip

Buck Hill Trip

Parents must sign out their bus-riding students before leaving Buck Hill by 7:30 p.m. OR bus-riding students that will be staying at Buck Hill after 7:30 p.m. will give the chaperone a note from their parents giving permission to stay later unchaperoned. Bus-riding students that are to be picked up by someone other than their parents will give the chaperone a note from their parents. Look for us at a table in one of the Chalets. If it is crowded in the Main Chalet we'll have to use another building.

Please contact Amy Monssen at (952) 888-9242 or bmonssen@comcast.net if you have any questions.

PS - Pray for Snow!!!

2009-2010 YEARBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER!

Order your 2009-2010 Nativity of Mary Yearbook today! Cost of the yearbook is \$19.00. There are two ways to order:

** Online at www.jostens.com (or you can paste the following link directly into your browser: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A03965090>). If you order online before January 23, 2010, you can also customize your yearbook with foil stamped name personalization and icons (a small charge applies).

OR

** Return the order form to Wanda in the school office by March 1, 2010. Please staple your check (made out to Nativity of Mary School) to the order form. Personalization (foil stamped names and icons) is available for orders returned to the school office on or before January 23, 2010. Follow instructions on the form to purchase personalization (optional).

ALSO – don't forget to submit your photos for consideration to be included in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 400007864 and password: nat10.
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 2/15/2010. The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book. Please email Sheri Hank at sheri.hank@jostens.com if you are having any difficulty ordering your yearbook or submitting your photos.

7TH GRADE RETREAT

Jane Wagemaker

7th Grade Retreat will take place on Thursday, May 13 through Friday, May 14. Chaperones are needed to stay overnight with us. Please contact me if you can help out at jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org.

BAND STAR STUDENT

Marie Rule

January's Star Student is Victoria Ferrill. As a sixth grader, Victoria is Nativity's only oboe player. She has dedicated herself to learning the oboe over the summer, and is doing a remarkable job! I chose Victoria for star student this month because she practices her parts, responds well to challenging material, and has a positive attitude. Way to go, Victoria!

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Nativity Basketball Pictures for Grades 2-8

All basketball teams in grades 2-8 will have their picture day on Wednesday, January 13 right after school. A picture order form will be sent home in this week's communication folder or given out at games this Saturday. Please make sure to remember to bring basketball uniforms to school next Wednesday.

Basketball for students in Grades 2/3

Basketball game schedules will be handed out at Wednesday's practice and also sent home in this week's communication folder. Thank you for your patience regarding the game schedule.

Intramural Basketball Time Change for Grades K-1

Intramural basketball for grades K-1 will start on Saturday January 16 and run through Saturday, February 20. It was originally set from 1:30-2:30 but due to coaching conflicts Intramurals will take place from 2:30-3:30. A schedule will be sent home to all who have registered in this week's communication folder.

Nativity Girls Win Christmas Tournament at Holy Angels

Congratulations to the Nativity Girls Basketball Team for winning the Holy Angels Basketball Tournament over Christmas break. Players include: Claire Armstrong, Katherine Hird, Joan Machogu, Molly McGrane, Laura Peller, Rachel Reinders, Molly Schoenecker and Julie Weber. These girls are coached by Paul Schoenecker and John Armstrong.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please pray for Steven McGregor, uncle to Connor and Ethan Nelson. Steven was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The nephew of Ben Adams-Sanchez, Naomi, who was only 3 months old, passed away before Christmas due to some complications.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Pray for us, holy Mother of God, that we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.