

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

We have a lot of Open House dates coming up this next month. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, we have a Preschool Open House from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parents who are interested in our preschool can drop by any time during that time frame to learn more about the upcoming preschool. We have enclosed a preschool registration form in the communication folders for you to register your own child, or pass it on to someone you may know that is interested in preschool. Preschool registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

The Open House for anyone in grades K-8 is Tuesday, January 26th and Kindergarten Information/Registration Night is on Tuesday, February 18th. If you know of families interested in Nativity of Mary School, please let them know about these dates. They can call the office for information or a tour. Help is needed to greet and direct visitors. Please email Audrey Riddle at mnariddle@comcast.net if you can assist either evening or if you are able to help us set up during the day. Thank you.

I hope everyone is staying warm this week with the January cold weather upon us. I would suggest that students bring their uniform sweatshirts to school especially on these cold days. Please review the uniform code as well. Dress shoes and belts need to be neutral in color: brown, black, white, etc. Also, as students grow throughout the year, please check to see if the length of the skirt is 3 inches above the knee.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: We have several passive fundraising programs alive and well here at Nativity because of their energetic and organized volunteer chairwomen. Jen Lovegreen coordinates the Box Top and Labels for Education programs. Noelle Hawton heads up Kemps Caps Nickels for Schools program. Barb Hoffmann has administered the Innisbrook and magazine sales. And lastly, Liz Schoenecker has scheduled the concession stand for all home basketball games this winter. Thank you, thank you, and thank you for all your work for our school!!!!

Another thank you goes to all the parents that brought their creative energy to the brainstorming meeting last Thursday night. While Nativity School continues to seek new opportunities to make itself visible within our numerous Catholic Church communities, please bring any additional ideas you may have to the attention of a school commission member or Barb Castagna.

Vacancies: Nativity of Mary School will have an admissions open house starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26. Audrey Riddle is looking for help setting up during the day from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. and then also in the evening starting at 6:00 p.m. Students and their parents make wonderful greeters and there is a need for adults to be available to check in prospective families and answer questions. Please contact Audrey at mnariddle@comcast.net to help.

Please look in today's communication folder for information on Catholic Schools' Week. We have fun days planned by the Kids Council. The week will kick off with Mass at 10:30 on Sunday, Jan. 24th. Wear your Nativity Uniforms and spiritwear to Mass to show your school pride. The talent show is on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 1:15 p.m.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Sara Olstad who was recently a "Student Achiever of the Week". Sara is a National Merit Commended Scholar, AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. She has received numerous Jag Pride awards, is a Jefferson Pathfinder, and president of thinkPINKkids – which works for breast cancer awareness.

Congratulations to these students at Kennedy High School who were inducted into the National Honor Society: Jacob Hodgson, Meghan Janssen, and Kaitlyn Mariska.

Congratulations to Amy Bellefeuille who recently graduated magna cum laude from North Dakota State University with a major in Public History. She is working for the Heritage Center in Bismarck, ND.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, January 18 No School
Tuesday, January 19 6-8 p.m. Nativity Pre-School Open House
Thursday, January 21 9:45 a.m. School Mass
Friday, January 22 End of 2nd Mid-Tri

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, January 19 10:00-11:35 Linda Raab
12:00-3:40 Roseline Shelstad, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, January 20 12:10-3:00 Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, January 21 12:00-3:35 Carol Schirber, Nicole Machtig

Tina Meyer

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, January 19 J. Johnson, R Bailey, E. Dobesh, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, January 20 N. Hawton, J. Lewis, A. Matzke, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 21 M. Koch, C. Luedke, A. Monssen, Need a Volunteer
Friday, January 22 R. Snure, S. Farley, E. Dobesh, Need a Volunteer

Jennifer Lovegreen

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, January 19 11:30 – 12:25 Need 2 Volunteers
Wednesday, January 20 11:30 – 12:25 K. McGrane, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, January 21 11:30 – 12:25 S. Koplin, Need a Volunteer
Friday, January 22 11:30 – 12:25 J. Praska, Need a Volunteer

Sherri Werner

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Do you have a budding artist or scientist at home interested in learning more by participating in hands on activities? Abrakadoodle and Mad Science classes are starting this month at Nativity! Now open for enrollment, the classes will start during the week of January 18th. Get your registration in soon, as class sizes are limited. Don't miss out on the fun!

Jeri Wheeler

HOLY ANGELS TO OFFER EIGHTH-GRADE PLACEMENT TEST ON JANUARY 16

Eighth-graders who apply for admission to Holy Angels should take a placement exam.

AHA will offer the ACT Explore test 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. A make-up exam will be offered on Tuesday, January 19, from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend a financial aid workshop on January 16 beginning at 8:45 a.m. while their students are taking the placement exam.

For more information contact Admissions Director Jesse Foley at 612-798-2621 or jfoley@academyofholyanagels.org.

NATIVITY MUSIC CD

Copies of the Nativity CD, "Praising God With Music," are still available in the school office. The CD is \$20 and proceeds will benefit the school music program. It is a great collection of some favorite songs from school Masses, the middle school choirs, band and handbell groups.

Judy Hodgson & Marie Rule

SPRING SOCIAL/ SILENT AUCTION –EVENT INFO

Next week the Family Packet will be sent home in the communication folder. Please read over this packet carefully as it contains a lot of information. Keep those donations coming in!! Donation forms are located on the web. If you know someone who is willing to donate, please print out a donation form. They can donate the item now! Committee members, and those not on the committee who want to still help out, please remember the meeting on January 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in room 250. Have questions on the Spirit of Spring Silent Auction? Please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or the mccroryclan@hotmail.com.

Joan McCrory

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

You are invited to attend the Valentine Dinner Dance at St Bonaventure, 901 E. 90th Street, Bloomington. Come join us for an enjoyable evening of sumptuous food, mellow music and dancing in Ambrose Hall on Saturday, February 6, 2010. 5:30 Wine and hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 Dinner & Music, 6:00-9:00 Music & Dancing. Limited seating. Tickets available in the St Bonaventure parish office (952-854-4733) for only \$12.50 each. Reserve a table for 8 and receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

SKI AND SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Amy Monssen

Please Note: There will be a "make-up" ski day on Friday, March 5th at Buck Hill for those who have missed a scheduled ski night for any reason. Your student will just be issued a lift ticket and, if needed, a rental form good for that night. In addition, there WILL NOT be bus transportation or chaperones at the hill. If you have any questions, please contact me at bmonssen@comcast.net.

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 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!!!

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.

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Intramural Basketball 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 was sent home to all who have registered last week.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep Connor & Ethan Nelson and their family in your prayers. Their uncle, Steven, passed away last week.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As kids learn who they are, your support gives them what it takes to show their talents to the world.