

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Next week is Catholic Schools Week. This weekend, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week at Nativity of Mary Parish. Students will be participating in the Masses in various ways. The teaching staff will all be attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Jan. 24th. Please join us this weekend at Mass to celebrate the kick-off of Catholic Schools Week and don't forget to wear your uniform or spirit wear to show your Nativity Pride (out of uniform passes will not be given out this year – we just want you to show your pride).

Catholic Schools' Week - Celebrating Christian Values

Friday – Rainbow Day – wear your class color.

Monday – Pajama Day

Tuesday – Super Hero Day

Wednesday – Earth Day Every Day – Wear attire from the 60's and 70's.

Thursday - Clash Day – change into something that classes after Mass.

We are inviting parents to eat with their children on a specific day during Catholic Schools' Week. Since it would be difficult to get an exact lunch count each day, parents are asked to bring a bag lunch. You may sit with your child(ren) at the round tables, or you are welcome to join your child's(ren's) class at the lunch tables. Please see the following days to eat with your child. We understand that you may not be able to come the exact day you are scheduled and that you may come another day.

Monday – Kindergarten and 4th grade

Tuesday – 1st grade and 6th grade

Wednesday – 2nd grade and 8th grade

Thursday – 3rd grade, 5th grade and 7th grade

Reminders

- January 22nd is the end of the 2nd mid-tri. Mid-tri reports will go home next Thursday.
- Open House is Tuesday, January 26th, and Kindergarten Round-Up is on Thursday, February 18th. If you know of families interested in Nativity of Mary School, please let them know about these dates. They also can call the office for information or a tour.
- On Thursday, Jan. 28, it is a busy day. In the morning, the 8th graders will take on the staff in a game of volleyball. Parents are welcome to watch. At 1:00 p.m., we have the school talent show in the cafeteria.

We have started a new year of 52 Club winners:

“52 Club”

Jan. 3rd winner of \$200.00 – Marty Oldowski

Jan. 10th winner of \$100.00 – Lovegreen family

Jan. 17th winner of \$100.00 – Mike and JoAnn St. Aubin

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: Throughout the school year, the library is staffed with volunteers during the hours that the students attend the library setting. THANK YOU to the following volunteers for all their time and effort: Barb Dockendorf, Tina Flowers, Mayra Franco, Irene Gallus, Lisa Harris, Sara Hoepfner, Kathleen Hollingsworth, Harriet Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Dijia Jones, Kristi Koelfgen, Jen Lovegreen, Maria Loya, Nicole Machtig, Jennifer McCollow, Amy Monssen, Connie Nicholas, Linda Raab, Carol Schirber, Jill Schreiber-Smith, Christine Schreier, Dana Jones-Sell, Roseline Shelstad, Charlie Shirron, Michelle Vodovnik, and Sue Wilson.

Vacancies: Nativity of Mary School will have an admissions open house starting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 26. Audrey Riddle is looking for help setting up during the day from 1pm – 3:30pm and then also in the evening starting at 6:00. 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.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, January 26 3:45 p.m. Choir; 6:30 p.m. K-8 Open House
Wednesday, January 27 8:15 a.m. KIDS Council
Thursday, January 28 9:45 a.m. School Mass; 1:00 p.m. Talent Show; Mid-Tri Reports go home
Friday, January 29 No School

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, January 25 1:00-3:00 Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Tuesday, January 26 10:00-11:35 Charlie Shirron
12:00-3:40 Christine Schreier, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, January 27 12:10-3:00 Lisa Harris
Thursday, January 28 12:00-3:35 Michelle Vodovnik, Kristi Koelfgen

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, January 25 T. Flowers, J. Musoke, T. Rynda, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, January 26 J. Carol, R. Bailey, A. Matzke, J. Lewis
Wednesday, January 27 L. Peller, J. Skogmo, K. Berkowitz, P. Weichselbaum
Thursday, January 28 M. Koch, S. Koplín, J. Lewis, E. Dobesh

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, January 25 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, January 26 11:30 – 12:25 T. Peller, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, January 27 11:30 – 12:25 Need 2 Volunteers
Thursday, January 28 11:30 – 12:25 C. Robbel, Need a Volunteer

MIDDLE SCHOOL TUBING REMINDER

Sandy Sullivan

Just a reminder that ALL permission slips for the tubing event at Buck Hill are due on TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th (not the 27th as noted on the slip). Also include the \$14.00 per student fee please. I am still in need of chaperones for this event. Please consider helping to ensure our students have a safe and fun event. You may E- mail me at: ssullivan545@aol.com. I am looking for 2 adults at least from each grade 6-7-8. Your help will be much appreciated. Thank You.

YEARBOOK DEADLINE

The deadline for "Personalized" yearbook orders is Friday, January 22 or ordered on line by Saturday, January 23. Non-personalized yearbook orders are due in the office by March 1.

NATIVITY MUSIC CD

Judy Hodgson & Marie Rule

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.

SPRING SOCIAL/ SILENT AUCTION –EVENT INFO

Joan McCrory

Please take a look at the Family Packet. We need your help in generating donations for the Silent Auction. We also need your help with selling Extravaganza and admission tickets after Masses in March and April. Please see the raffle ticket sales volunteer form. We appreciate all your help in making the Silent Auction a success! Please join our committee on January 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in Room 250 to help with the planning. Have questions on the Spirit of Spring Silent Auction? Please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or the mccroryclan@hotmail.com.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

A new preschool will be starting in the fall of 2010 at Nativity of Mary! We need new or gently used items to help get the preschool up and running. Please look through the list of items for donation ideas and bring the items to the school office. We appreciate all your help. Thank you!

FURNITURE: Bookcases; Area rug/Carpet; Easels; Sensory table; Cots/mats; Small storage bins and/or ice cream buckets; Storage units; Teacher chair (Rocker; cloth folding chair, etc.)

CREATIVE PLAY MATERIALS: Puzzles (wooden and floor); Blocks; Puppets; Doctor kit; Hats (fire, space, police, mailman, dress up); Cars/trucks; Play shoes, dress-up dresses, coats, etc.; Play cash register; Stamper with ink; envelopes and stationary.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS: Books; Preschool songs on CD; CD player (s); Manipulatives (small bugs/insects, beads, animals, cubes, etc.); Play dough / clay; Tempera paints; Paint brushes; Arts and craft supplies (glue, scissors, crayons, pom poms, pipe cleaners, feathers, stickers, cotton balls, popsicle sticks, paper –construction and large); Bowls; Tweezers; Balls, jump ropes, trikes, hoola hoops

AUTOMATIC TUITION PAYMENTS

Reminder: If you need to place a hold or stop to one of your automatic tuition payments, you need to contact Tony Mailhot in the parish office at 952-881-8671 ext 312, at least three business days prior to the scheduled transaction date. Thank you

SKI AND SNOWBOARDING CLUB

Amy Monssen

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 .

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please keep Christopher Strout and his family in your prayers. His great grandpa, Ken L. Tannehill, passed away on Jan. 1, and his great grandmother, Lennie Tannehill, passed away just two weeks later. They were married for 67 years. As Christopher's mom said, "A true marriage made in heaven."

PRAYER THOUGHT

My Presence will go with you. Exodus 33:14