

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Mardi Gras is next Tuesday, Feb. 16th - Fat Tuesday. We are going to have the carnival after school from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is for kids and parents of all ages! There are going to be games, treats, fun, and great food with even the New Orleans/Mardi Gras traditions. Please come hungry, and enjoy the excitement and food with your family and friends. Students must be accompanied by an adult. The profits from this fundraiser go to benefit the 8th grade trip to Chicago this spring.

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17th. Please join us at our school Mass at 9:45 a.m. Also, Stations of the Cross for the school will start Friday, Feb. 19th. We will have stations every Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

The Silent Auction Committee is working hard on the "Spirit of Spring" silent auction. Please look for information later in the News and Notes about all of the great ideas for the auction. So far we have had an excellent response from people wanting to help with the event and with donations. Please continue to check your communication folder for details.

Kindergarten Round-Up is on Thursday, February 18th. If you know of parents looking for a great school, please let them know about Kindergarten Round-Up. It starts at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Thank you for spreading the good word!

### Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

**VIPs:** Audrey Riddle continues to pull together a great group of volunteers to help at Nativity's Open House evening every January. Regardless of the cold and snow, a hearty welcoming committee helped out once again this year. THANK YOU to Audrey and Kacie Riddle, Cindy Olstad, Michelle Knoll, Jenai Blackstone, Bob and Nate Vodovnik, Dan Koch, Katherine Hird, Christine Schreier, Theresa and Patty Rynda, Joan and Cormac Merrill, Ludy and Maggie Peller, Mona and Megan Freeberg, Jeri and Emily Wheeler, and also Marie and Nick Campion.

### **52 Club**

The Feb. 7th winner of \$200.00 was Denise Dolney.

A few reminders:

- There is no school on Monday, Feb. 15th.
- Cookie Dough is being delivered on Feb. 16th.
- The 8th grade Pancake breakfast is Sunday, Feb. 28th. Please come before or after Mass.
- Middle School parents – there is an information sheet on how to earn the Holistic Award in today's communication folder.
- We have Financial Aid Independent Review (FAIR) packets in the office. If you need to apply for financial aid for the 2010-2011 school year, please pick a packet up in the office or call to have one sent home in your communication folder. FAIR application forms are due April 15, 2010. Applications received after the due date will be subject to a penalty as stated in the parent/student handbook.

### **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Monday, February 15	No School
Tuesday, February 16	Mardi Gras
Wednesday, February 17	9:45 a.m. School Mass Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 18	6:30 Kindergarten Roundup in Cafeteria
Friday, February 19	3:00 Stations of the Cross

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Tina Meyer

Tuesday, February 16	10:00-11:35	Linda Raab
	12:00-3:40	Roseline Shelstad, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, February 17	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, February 18	12:00-3:35	Carol Schirber, Nicole Machtig

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Jennifer Lovegreen

Tuesday, February 16 K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Johnson, J. Ott  
Wednesday, February 17 N. Hawton, P. Weichselbaum, Need 2 Volunteers  
Thursday, February 18 M. Koch, T. Cassidy, J. Lewis, J. McLaughlin  
Friday, February 19 R. Snure, E. Dobesh, Need 2 Volunteers

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

Sherri Werner

Tuesday, February 16 11:30 – 12:25 T. Peller, Need a Volunteer  
Wednesday, February 17 11:30 – 12:25 S. Hank, Need a Volunteer  
Thursday, February 18 11:30 – 12:25 S. Koplin, Need a Volunteer  
Friday, February 19 11:30 – 12:25 J. Praska, Need a Volunteer

**8TH GRADE COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY DATE – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chicago trip by ordering cookie dough! The 8th graders did a great job with the sale. Congratulations to top seller Ana Werner. She raised a lot of money for her trip and also earned a party for 7 at the Water Park of America. Molly Schoenecker and Diana Salazar were our second place winners. Way to go...Ana, Molly and Diana.

Please remember to pick up your order on Tuesday, February 16th, between 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the conference room by the school office. Contact Liz Schoenecker ([lizschoenecker@msn.com](mailto:lizschoenecker@msn.com)) or Sherri Werner ([sherri.Werner@merck.com](mailto:sherri.Werner@merck.com)) with questions. Thanks!

**BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEE'S**

Mary Koch &amp; Judy Skogmo

The 8th graders will be serving breakfast at Applebee's (7901 1/2 Southtown Center, Bloomington) on Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. You can buy tickets from any of the 8th graders or purchase them in the office before February 18, 2010. All proceeds will help fund the 8th grade trip to Chicago. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koch (952) 943-8260 or Judy Skogmo (952) 944-5397.

**BRAVISSIMO IV YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS**

Judy Hodgson

The Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert of classical music to be enjoyed by children of all ages. The program features several selections included in the BRAVO curriculum, a music appreciation program taught by parent volunteers in many public and private schools throughout the Twin Cities and out-state Minnesota. Musical selections will include works by Finzi, Grieg, Beethoven, Joplin, Copland and Holst.

Performing with the orchestra on this year's concert is Olivia Solen, flutist, the 2010 Young Artist Scholarship Competition winner, playing Mozart's Concerto No. 1 in G major and Reverend Lane Skoglund-Anderson, pianist, playing Finzi's Eclogue Op. 10.

The concerts will be held at Normandale Highlands United Methodist Church, 9920 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington on Sunday, February 21st, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. and at the Minnetonka United Methodist Church, 17611 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka on Sunday, February 28th at 3:30 p.m. For information and directions, call the Music Association of Minnetonka hotline at 952-401-5954 or visit [www.musicassociation.org](http://www.musicassociation.org).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TUBING THANK YOU**

Sandy Sullivan

A Big THANK YOU to all my chaperones last Friday night at Buck Hill. We had a great time and perfect weather. About 60 students and 8 chaperones spent the night sliding down the tubing hill. The chaperones were: Karen Delaram, Jeff Bjick, Bob Borgerding, Dave Harley, Michelle Johnson, Dave Klein, Dee McMullen, and John Armstrong. I really appreciate all your help that night; I could not have done it without you!! Thanks again.

**MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP**

Barb Dockendorf

An important part of our school is having moms/grandmas gather together to pray for the needs of our students and families. Those who wish to join with others in prayer are welcome to gather after Mass on Thursday mornings for one hour (about 10:45 a.m. until 11:45) in the Founder's Room located to the left of the north church door #1. Using the upcoming weekend readings for reflection, we will collectively pray with scripture through praise, forgiveness, thanksgiving and petition. Please feel free to just 'drop-in' whenever you are available. Also, prayer requests can be written and left in the 'prayer request box' in the school office. Your specific needs may be left anonymous but know that "what is prayed in the group, stays in the group."

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Matthew 18:20 (NASV)

**NUNSENSE--THE MEGA-MUSICAL**

Book, Music & Lyrics by Dan Goggin

Three performances remain of this musical comedy-Friday and Saturday, both at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Members of Nativity of Mary and St. Bonaventure are the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" as are the "students". Come prepared to laugh as their unique personalities interact to try to solve their predicament. Performances are at St. Ambrose Hall on the campus of St. Boni's, 901 E. 90th Street. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children through age 13 & Senior Citizens 65 and over.

**SPRING SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION -EVENT INFO**

Joan McCrory

We need help selling Home Entertainment Extravaganza raffle tickets and admission tickets after masses at Nativity! We will be selling tickets after all weekend Masses starting March 6th through April 18th. If you can help, please contact Michelle Vodovnik at 952-893-9328 or Carol Powers at 952-888-2415, or turn in your raffle volunteer form to the office.

Do you own your own business or have a friend who does? Please consider donating to the silent auction! We need donations of all kinds. If you want to be creative, consider going together with friends to host a "Buy in Party." This is where people pay a certain amount of money to come to the party. For example, you can throw an adult BBQ party where people come to enjoy grilled food, drinks and desserts while listening to music with good conversation. It can be as easy as that! Or, you may want to throw a kids buy-in party. For example, you could have a pool party, a bowling party, go to the Zoo, go to Valleyfair, etc. If you go in on the party together with friends, it is easier to purchase and watch the kids. Be creative!! Now is the time to start planning. Please remember to fill out donation sheets (located on web or in office) for buy in parties, or with any donation, so that we can place it in the Auction booklet. If you have any questions on the Spirit of Spring Silent Auction, please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or [themccroryclan@hotmail.com](mailto:themccroryclan@hotmail.com).

**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	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](mailto:bmonssen@comcast.net) if you have any questions.  
PS - Pray for Snow!!!

**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.

**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](mailto:jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org) .

**NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Tim Thoreson

**Baseball/Softball Registration for grades 5-8**

It is still cold out, but baseball and softball is approaching fast and Nativity needs to register its teams for the league. Baseball and softball registrations were sent home last week. These registration forms are due to the school office by Thursday, February 11. Failure to turn in registration forms by deadline could result in player not being able to participate. Games run from mid April to the end of May. Players in grades 7 and 8 typically play during the weekdays and players in grades 5 and 6 typically play a doubleheader on Saturdays. For more information regarding Nativity baseball and/or softball please contact Athletic Director Tim Thoreson at [tim.thoreson@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:tim.thoreson@nativitybloomington.org).

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Please keep Emma Riley and her family in your prayers. Emma's aunt, Kathy Riley McArthur, passed away last week.

Please keep Becky and Adam Nordquist in your prayers. Their grandmother, Julianna Burke, passed away last week.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

Do your best and leave the results to God.