

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

February 18, 2010

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### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

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

The Mardi Gras on Tuesday was awesome. Thank you to Stephanie Miller and Kirsten Berkowitz and all the 8th grade parents and students for organizing and putting on this great community event.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for putting up the cork strips in the school hallways. We really appreciate it.

Next week we will start composting in the lunchroom. We received a grant from Hennepin County to start the composting program in our school. We have purchased lunch trays that are biodegradable, different color-coded trash cans for disposal of lunch items, and we have a separate composting dumpster. The "Go Green" Kids Council group will be helping students sort items during lunch.

### Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: Each and every school day we have a dedicated crew of lunch servers that cheerfully bring Justine Hiben's hot lunch to our kids. A big thank you to Jen Lovegreen for coordinating and scheduling this big group of volunteers!! We are very thankful for all their service and dedication. THANK YOU Josephine Musoke, Sherri Werner, Dianne Cizek, Tammy Forby, Tina Flowers, Kristi Rollwagen, Mayra Franco, Anne Lockwood, Amy Monssen, Annbolette Matzke, Shaun McHale, Lisa Harris, Erin Dobesh, Sue Farley, Carol Schirber, Carol Oldowski, Theresa Rynda, Margaret Hanson, Joanne Ott, Brigid Kern, Michelle Johnson, Don and Teddy Reuters, Marty Thomson, Jill Johnson, Barb Dockendorf, Patti Weichselbaum, Kathy Burns, Roz Bailey, Jean Lewis, Jennifer McLaughlin, Juanita Carol, Ludy Peller, Mary Koch, Therese Cassidy, Charlie Shirron, and Noelle Hawton.

### 52 Club

The Feb. 14th winner of \$100.00 was Steven Petersen.

### A few reminders:

- 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.
- If you haven't picked up your cookie dough, please stop by the office.
- Thursday, Feb. 25, is wear a jersey day for Pennies for Patients. It is a Mass day, so bring your jersey to put on after Mass.

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, February 23	3:45 p.m. Choir
Wednesday, February 24	8:15 a.m. KIDS Council
Thursday, February 25	9:45 a.m. School Mass
Friday, February 26	3:00 Stations of the Cross

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Monday, February 22	1:00-3:00	Mayra Franco, Maria Loya
Tuesday, February 23	10:00-11:35	Charlie Shirron
	12:00-3:40	Christine Schreier, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, February 24	12:10-3:00	Lisa Harris
Thursday, February 25	12:00-3:35	Michelle Vodovnik, Kristi Koelfgen

Tina Meyer

Thank you to the Smith family for their Library book donation, The Hunger Games, in honor of Julia Smith's birthday.

### **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, February 22	T. Rynda, T. Flowers, M. Johnson, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, February 23	K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Carol, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, February 24	K. Berkowitz, J. Skogmo, Need 2 Volunteers
Thursday, February 25	M. Koch, S. Koplín, N. Machtig, Need a Volunteer
Friday, February 26	R. Flentje, A. Monssen, M. Johnson, Need a Volunteer

### **PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

Sherri Werner

Monday, February 22	11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier
Tuesday, February 23	11:30 – 12:25 T. McCollow, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, February 24	11:30 – 12:25 K. McGrane, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, February 25	11:30 – 12:25 C. Robbel, Need a Volunteer
Friday, February 26	11:30 – 12:25 B. Singhel, Need a Volunteer

### **SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB – MAKE-UP**

Amy Monssen

New this year will be a "Make-Up" day for any ski or snowboarder who missed a day during the year. The date is Friday, March 5th at Buck Hill. There will be no bus that night nor any chaperones at the hill. Your child will simply be issued a lift ticket for that day only.

PLEASE E-MAIL ME at [bmonssen@comcast.net](mailto:bmonssen@comcast.net) by February 28th if your child has missed a session and would like to be issued a "make-up" ticket for March 5th. The tickets will be held in the school office for pick-up the week of March 1-5th. If you have any questions, you can call me at 952-888-9242 or e-mail me.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

A big thank-you to Monica Strout for coordinating the Middle School Dance and DJ Tim Smith. Thank you to the following volunteers because without you these events would not be possible: Brigid Kern, Chris Limbeck, Colleen Dillaway, Connie Bruner, Denise McMullen, Julie Smith, Lori Matlon, Mark Limbeck, Sharon Rauenhorst, Steve Morin and Vicky Murphy.

There were a couple contests that took place during this event. The grade with the most attendance won an ice cream treat and that was the 7th grade class. During check-in, each student had an opportunity to guess how many M&M's were in the jar and Katherine Hird was the winner. We also want to thank each of the students for bringing an item to support VEAP.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TO GRAND SLAM**

Joan Luedke

Nativity 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be going to Grand Slam in Burnsville on Friday, March 5th. Please join us for some indoor fun of lazer tag, mini golf, krazy kars, arcade games and batting cages.

We will be taking a bus from the south parking lot at 6:45 p.m. and returning at 10:15 p.m. Permission slips and payment need to be turned into the office no later than Monday, March 1st (Grand Slam needs a count and payment by this date). See the flyer for all the details.

### **PEOPLE IN PRAYER GROUP**

Barb Dockendorf

Correction: The weekly prayer group is for anyone who would like to come together to pray for our staff, students, families and our school. In the past it had been a 'mom's group' but it is now open to all who are available. We meet every Thursday morning from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. (after school Mass) unless school is not in session. Even if you can't attend regularly, please feel free to drop in when you can. The power of prayer is awesome so let's lift our praise, thanks and needs to the Lord!

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

Joan McCrory

We need your help selling admission tickets and Extravaganza raffle tickets after Masses!! Please consider volunteering by filling out the raffle volunteer form in this week's communication folder and returning the form to the school office. Donations for the auction have started to come in. Thank you to all who have donated or have given letters to businesses in order to receive a donation. If you are stuck for donation ideas, please visit the Nativity Website -Silent Auction posting for ideas. If you have questions, please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or [themccroryclan@hotmail.com](mailto:themccroryclan@hotmail.com). Committee members, the next meeting is on Monday, March 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Room 250.

**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).

**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 26	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
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**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.

**LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

Sheri Hank

LAST CALL for photos for consideration to be included in the yearbook!

Please submit any Nativity-related photos you have for the yearbook staff to use! We are especially looking for pictures related to the Fall Fest, Christmas programs, Catholic Schools Week and Nativity sports, but all images will be considered!

To submit your photos:

- 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".

Please submit any photos you have by Friday, February 19. Thank you!

Please email Sheri Hank at [sheri.hank@jostens.com](mailto:sheri.hank@jostens.com) if you are having any difficulty submitting your photos.

**NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Tim Thoreson

**Intramural Basketball at 1:30 on Saturday 2/20**

The last day of Intramural Basketball is this Saturday. The original start time was scheduled for 2:30; this however has been changed to a 1:30 start time.

**Pop Donations**

Nativity Athletics does request that each family that participates in a Nativity Athletic Program please donate one 12 pack of pop to be sold in the pop machine. The sales generated from this machine are an excellent source of revenue for our programs. Flavors sold in the machine are as follows: Diet Coke, Sunny Delight, Sprite, Mountain Dew, Cherry Coke, and Coke. Thanks in advance for your donation. Pop can be dropped off in the school office or gymnasium.

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Please keep Claire Armstrong in your prayers. Claire will be having spinal fusion surgery in her back on Feb. 23rd.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9