

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

At this time of year, many families are looking at various choices for schools whether they are entering Kindergarten or looking for a change at another grade level. As parents of our school, you can really make a difference. Nativity of Mary School has so many great things to offer families as we educate our students in mind, body, and spirit. Please tell your friends and families why you send your children to Nativity of Mary School. We want to make Catholic education affordable for all. Please join our staff in working to help our school grow.

The annual Dad's **Pancake Breakfast** is Sunday, March 21. Are you tired of cooking and cleaning up after breakfast on Sunday morning? Well, join us for some delicious pancakes and sausage on Sunday morning before or after Mass. You can see all of our school dads hard at work cooking and serving us a hot meal. You can purchase tickets in the school office or at the door. See you there!

**The Spirit of Spring Silent Auction** is right around the corner. We really need some help with some donations. Can you create a neat basket with a theme? Or can you contact a store or service provider that you frequent often to donate an item? It never hurts to ask, and they can only say no. The raffle tickets are being sent home today. You could win a big flat screen television or \$1000.00. These are easy to sell. If you are unable to sell all of your tickets, please send them back to the office. We have to track every ticket. This is one of our biggest fundraisers.

**Tuition** next year will be \$3,950.00 for current students. There is a \$500.00 discount for new students to the school. The increase is 2.7%. We worked hard to keep the increase as low as we could.

### Mass Change

Mass this week will be on Friday, March 5th. There is a funeral on March 4th. Since Friday is the first Friday of the month, students can be out of uniform for Mass.

### Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

**VIPs:** Have you wondered how all the many and varied communication notices get to your child's backpack on Thursday afternoons in the communication folders? We can thank Erin Dobesh and Mary Koch for this feat! Erin volunteers as much of her time as necessary each week to organize all these notices into each family's folder. Mary Koch volunteers on Thursday afternoons to finish this process and distribute the information to classrooms. Thank you Erin and Mary for your dedication to keeping us all informed!!

**Vacancies:** It has been a few weeks without volunteer requests, but spring is right around the corner and with it comes planning for future events. Please consider helping fill some of these needs for Fall 2010 events:

- Nativity School Commission invites 3 new members each fall to join its work. Please contact Barb Castagna ([barb.castagna@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:barb.castagna@nativitybloomington.org)) for an application.
- The Marathon fundraiser for non-public education is in need of creative minds to meet and start planning its "marathon of service" theme. Please contact Katy McGrane ([katymcgrane@earthlink.net](mailto:katymcgrane@earthlink.net)) to help.
- Nativity School and Parish Fall Festival is in need of a volunteer to help coordinate this community event that will take place in late September. Please contact Barb Castagna to explore this opportunity.

### 52 Club

The Feb. 28th winner of \$100.00 was Mike Guenther.

### FYI:

- In-school registration forms are due.
- K-5 conference scheduling forms are in today's communication folder.
- Please review the uniform code as spring approaches. A lot of students have grown over the course of the year, so please check skirt lengths.

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

Tuesday, March 9 3:45 p.m. Choir  
Wednesday, March 10 8:15 a.m. KIDS Council  
Thursday, March 11 7:30 a.m. School Commission; 9:45 a.m. School Mass  
2nd Tri Report Cards Go Home  
Friday, March 12 3:00 Stations of the Cross

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Tina Meyer  
Monday, March 8 1:00–3:00 Jennifer McCollow, Harriet Johnson/Sara Hoepner  
Tuesday, March 9 10:00-11:35 Sue Wilson  
12:00-3:40 Jill Schreiber-Smith, Irene Gallus  
Wednesday, March 10 12:10-3:00 Mayra Franco, Maria Loya  
Thursday, March 11 12:00-3:35 Amy Monssen, Kathleen Hollingsworth

### **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Jennifer Lovegreen  
Monday, March 8 T. Flowers, M. Hanson, L. Harris, Need a Volunteer  
Tuesday, March 9 K. Burns, R. Bailey, B. Dockendorf, Need a Volunteer  
Wednesday, March 10 K. Berkowitz, C. Schirber, L. Peller, Need a Volunteer  
Thursday, March 11 M. Koch, N. Machtig, T. Cassidy, Need a Volunteer  
Friday, March 12 M. Huber, R. Snure, Need 2 Volunteers

### **PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

Sherri Werner  
Monday, March 8 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, Need a Volunteer  
Tuesday, March 9 11:30 – 12:25 L. Harris, Need a Volunteer  
Wednesday, March 10 11:30 – 12:25 S. Olstad, Need a Volunteer  
Thursday, March 11 11:30 – 12:25 C. Robbel, Need a Volunteer  
Friday, March 12 11:30 – 12:25 M. Powers, Need a Volunteer

### **CALLING ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF NATIVITY SCHOOL - PLEASE JOIN US!**

Have a great alumni idea that you would like to share and see put into action? Did you know there is a Nativity Alumni committee? You don't need to be alumni to get involved! Please join us on March 10th at 2:30 p.m. at the school for our next meeting. Your contribution of time and talent, no matter how big or small will really be appreciated. RSVP/questions: Amy Poehling 952-832-9250 or [gregamy11@msn.com](mailto:gregamy11@msn.com).

### **SCIENCE FAIR**

The 2009 – 2010 Nativity of Mary Science Fair will take place on Thursday & Friday March 11th & 12th in the gym.

Set up will start on Wednesday March 10th. Participants can bring their completed Science Fair projects Wednesday after school to the gym and begin setting up.

The Fair will be open to the school on Friday for the other grades to walk through. Participants should be at their stations to answer questions. Parents are welcome on either day from 12:00 – 3:00.

Contact Mr. Dargis with questions [jerry.dargis@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:jerry.dargis@nativitybloomington.org)

### **ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS**

Ludy Peller & Tammy Price  
It is already time to start thinking of the 8th grade graduation from Nativity in early June. I would like to set up a meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please attend if you are able. We will discuss what needs to be done and get started. This is truly an event where many hands make light work. Our hope is that every 7th grade family will participate in some way to ensure a wonderful graduation for the class of 2010.

If you cannot make the meeting, let us know how you would like to help. Thank you from co-chairs Ludy Peller & Tammy Price.

**10th ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION –EVENT INFO**

Joan McCrory

The Home Entertainment Extravaganza raffle is here!! In this week's communication folder is a description of the raffle and 10 raffle tickets. For every 10 tickets sold, your name will be put into a drawing to win an iPod shuffle!! Additional tickets can be found in the school office. Please remember to return all unsold tickets to the office as all tickets are tracked due to State and Federal Regulations.

Parents of 7th and 8th graders, please take time to talk with your son or daughter about babysitting the night of the auction. Please turn in your babysitting volunteer forms by March 19th. Thank you!

Please also consider helping out for part of the night. Without volunteers, we cannot make the night a success. Volunteer shifts are short so that you can still enjoy the evening. Please turn in your volunteer form by March 19th.

Remember that the deadline for donations is March 19th. We are in need of donations still, to make this event as successful as ever. Particular needs include:

- Events such as museum tickets, play tickets, movie tickets, bowling, Valleyfair, Nickelodeon Universe wristbands, etc.
- Cash donations.
- Services such as house cleaning, babysitting, window washing, lawn mowing, snow removal.
- Gift certificates of all shapes and sizes are needed. Please remember to use Script to buy your gift certificates!
- Sporting events are always a great hit (tickets to the Twins, Vikings, Wild, St. Paul Saints, U of MN games, etc).
- Restaurant and hotel certificates make for a great night out! A number of local news and sports radio stations have websites offering restaurant gift card 50% off (i.e., KFAN, KDWB, etc.)
- Buy-In parties -how about a back-yard barbeque?

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or the [mccroryclan@hotmail.com](mailto:mccroryclan@hotmail.com).

**NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Tim Thoreson

**Basketball Uniforms**

All basketball uniforms should be turned into the school office by Friday, March 12. Uniforms should be washed and in a bag labeled with the student's name.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1