

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that spring is right around the corner. There are a lot of activities coming up these next few months. The Dads' Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, March 21st. Enjoy a great meal served by our very own Dads' of Nativity of Mary School.

The Spirit of Spring Silent Auction is April 23rd. Don't forget to get your tickets for this event. This is a fun-filled night for parents, friends, and parishioners. We even have middle school students who are signing up to baby-sit for families free – see today's communication folder for more information. If you can help with a donation – gift card, a service, theme basket, that would be wonderful. Just send items in to the office.

Preschool News

We are having another Preschool Open House on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. If you know of families interested in our Preschool, please let them know. 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 and 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.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: The yearbook committee has been hard at work throughout this school year to ready a keepsake for all the families at Nativity School. We thank Sheri Hank, Sharon Rauenhurst, and Dianne Talley for all their time and effort on this project!!

Vacancies: 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) 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) 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.

FYI:

- Conference slips are 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.
- Re: 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.

52 Club

The March 7th winners of \$200.00 were Bob and Michelle Vodovnik.

Congratulations to the Nordquist family. Becky and Adam have a new baby sister, Juliana Joy, who was born on March 9th. She was 8 lbs and 1 oz. Mom and baby are doing well.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, March 16 10:00 a.m. Reconciliation Grades 4-8
Thursday, March 18 9:45 a.m. School Mass; 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. K-8 Conferences
Friday, March 19 3:00 Stations of the Cross

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer
Monday, March 15 1:00–3:00 Tina Flowers
Tuesday, March 16 10:00-11:35 Linda Raab
12:00-3:40 Roseline Shelstad, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, March 17 12:10-3:00 Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, March 18 12:00-3:35 Carol Schirber, Nicole Machtig

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen
Monday, March 15 B. Kern, M. Johnson, T Flowers, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, March 16 K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Ott, J. Johnson, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, March 17 J. Lewis, N. Hawton, T. Reuter, D. Reuter
Thursday, March 18 M. Koch, C. Luedke, E. Dobesh, Need a Volunteer
Friday, March 19 R. Flentje, A. Monsen, M. Johnson, Need a Volunteer

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner
Monday, March 15 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, S. Lindberg
Tuesday, March 16 11:30 – 12:25 S. Hank, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, March 17 11:30 – 12:25 K. McGrane, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, March 18 11:30 – 12:25 S. Koplín, Need a Volunteer
Friday, March 19 11:30 – 12:25 J. Praska, Need a Volunteer

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Jeri Wheeler
More classes are coming in April!! In addition to the next series with MadScience who offered classes last fall/ winter, we've added chess club on Friday's after school. Chess class is back with a new format and new instructor! This class is for both beginner and intermediate students. The program brings chess pieces to life using creative personalities that fascinate and make learning fun. Class curriculum depends on level of students.

Here are the classes to be offered this spring:

Chess Club Grade K-5, Fridays 3:50-4:50 Starts April 16th
Mad Science Grade 1-5, Thursdays 3:50-4:50 Starts April 15th

Watch for registration flyers in upcoming communication folders.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TO GRAND SLAM ON 3/5

Joan Luedke
Thank you students and chaperones for attending the Middle School Activity last Friday to Grand Slam. Over 60 students enjoyed some indoor winter fun of lazer tag, mini golf, crazy kars, arcade games and batting cages. Thanks to all of our chaperones for making this a fun and safe event: Karen Delaram, Colleen Dillaway, Craig Luedke, Jason Luhm, Denise McMullen, Steve Morin and Cathy Perrizo. Also, thanks Wanda for your help in organizing this event by ordering buses and collecting all the permission slips.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Lynn Robertson
Our Nativity School community raised an awesome \$4,332.86 for the 2010 Pennies for Patients Program sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mr. Bohman's eighth grade class topped the donations, raising over \$704 and winning a pizza party from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Woychick's third grade class fundraised over \$378 and Mrs. Long's fifth grade class added over \$318—in fact, five classrooms raised over \$300 in donations each! Nativity friends and families also added \$58 to the campaign this year by ordering Dominoes Pizza on Dough Raising Day, when Dominoes contributed 20% of monies from pizza ordered to Pennies for Patients.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS continued:

Our thanks go out to everyone that contributed their change, dollars and checks during the three-week campaign. Thanks also to Wanda, our campaign bookkeeper, and to Tony Mailhot, who cashed in all the donations weekly. Thanks also to upper level students Molly Schoenecker, Molly McGrane & Lizzy Wilson who helped publicize the program on the school announcements and to Julie Weber and the Nativity Kids Council members for helping prepare materials for the campaign.

Money raised will support research and send aid to patients and their families with blood cancers in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Listen to WCCO Radio's Morning Show with Dave Lee on March 19, when top dollar raising schools will be acknowledged. Results will also be posted on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society website at www.schoolandyouth.org/mn.

Thanks Nativity--you made every penny count!

10th ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL/SILENT AUCTION –EVENT INFO Joan McCrory

SIX WEEKS until the Silent Auction!! We would love you to join us! Please return your invitation to the school office. Tickets include a FREE drink!! Also, Kindergarten parents, we will have a table reserved for you at the auction where you can sit and visit with other Kindergarten parents.

The Home Entertainment Extravaganza raffle has started!! 10 raffle tickets have been assigned to you and for every 10 tickets sold, your family will be put into a drawing to win an iPod Shuffle! You can get additional raffle tickets 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. Each ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win one of the 3 great prizes.

- 46 in. Sony BRAVIA TV, Blue Ray Disc Player and Sony Home Theater System
- \$1000 cash
- Apple iPod Touch 64 GB

Proceeds generated from the sales of the raffle go directly to the support of our school.

Are you interested in a babysitter for the night of the silent auction? We are asking 7th and 8th graders to donate their babysitting services so that you can come enjoy a night out!! Please fill out and return the babysitting sheet that will be distributed in the communication folder so that we can match you up with your babysitter. The babysitting is free of charge, tip is optional.

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 still in need of donations, 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., halfoffmn.com, 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.

ATTENTION ALL DADS!!

Mike Ott and Tom Peller

The dads of Nativity of Mary School are sponsoring our 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast!! The event is on Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We invite all Dads to take part in this social event and help raise money for the school. It is a great time to meet other dads and serve the community. A few workers are still needed during the second shift and for clean up. If you are able to help, please contact Mike Ott (952-303-4383) or Tom Peller (952-831-6658).

Also, Mike has generously stepped forward as the new chair for the event but would appreciate the assistance of another dad as a co-chair. If you are interested in volunteering to co-chair this event with Mike, please let him know. Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

All "Lost Items" will be on display on tables by the school office during conferences March 18 and March 25. Please stop by and claim any items that are yours. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

2009-2010 YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!

Order your 2009-2010 Nativity of Mary Yearbook today! Cost of the yearbook is \$19.00. There are two ways to order:

** Online at www.jostens.com (or you can paste the following link directly into your browser: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A03965090>)

OR

** Return the order form in this week's Communication Folder to Wanda in the school office no later than April 1, 2010. Please staple your check (made out to Nativity of Mary School) to the order form.

NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

Basketball Team wins Tournament

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Boys Varsity Silver team for winning their end of the year tournament. This team was coached by Greg Mueller and Ed Huber and players include: Will Hollingsworth, Robbie Huber, David Smith, Connor Thelemann, Andrew Otterness, Ben Kern, Luke Matlon, and Bennett Dillaway.

Thanks to all Nativity Basketball Coaches

On behalf of players, parents, and the Nativity Athletic Program, I would like to say thank you to all basketball coaches. These coaches include: Paul Schoenecker and John Armstrong (Girls Varsity Silver), John Hagerty & Student Coach Lauren Limbeck (Girls Varsity Bronze), Tim Auel and Mark Hollingsworth (5th Grade Girls), Dave Hanken, Marty Huberty, and Mark Schreier (4th Grade Girls), Clark Flowers (2/3 Girls), Greg Mueller and Ed Huber (Boys Varsity Silver), Ryan Collins and Robert Meyer (Boys Varsity Bronze), John Bruner (6th Grade Boys), Bernie Guenther (5th Grade Boys), Jen Lovegreen, Katy McGrane, and Brian McGrane (4th Grade Boys), Mark Koplín (2/3 Boys), Tim Forby (2/3 Boys & Intramural), Travis Hawton (Intramural). Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to anyone else who helped out in any way during this past basketball season.

Basketball Uniforms

A reminder that all basketball uniforms are due this Friday, March 12. Uniforms should be washed and put in a bag clearly labeled with player's name and returned to the school office. A \$1/day late fee will be assessed for uniforms that are not turned in by the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYER THOUGHT

You stand up for children every day by being responsible for their well-being. You inspire others to take children seriously, to act for them courageously, and to tend to them lovingly.