

## **NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES**

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### **PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

The 19th Annual Dad's Pancake breakfast is this Sunday in the school cafeteria after all Masses. Please come and enjoy our Dads serving you delicious pancakes and sausage with syrup drizzled over the top.

Please mark your calendar for April 23rd. Our Spirit of Spring Silent Auction is that night at 7:00 p.m. This is a fun-filled night for parents, friends, and parishioners. We are starting to get some great donations. Thank you so much for your generosity. We hope to see you there to enjoy the festivities.

The 8th graders will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26th. All are welcome.

### **Mass Change**

School Mass on Thursday, April 1st has been changed to Wednesday, March 31st at 9:45 a.m.

### **Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies**

**VIPs:** Each week the News and Notes is brought to your e-mail box or communication folder compliments of Barb Hoffmann. Barb treks into the Nativity computer lab each week to compile and type up the News and Notes. We thank you Barb for your consistent service to Nativity!!!

**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:

- 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.

Thank you for continuing to send in your box tops for education. We have collected more box tops than ever this year. Also, thank you for sending in your milk caps, Campbell soup labels and for designating our school on your Target Visa card. These are all free ways to help donate to our school. Thank you!

### **Reminders:**

- Conferences are Thursday, March 18 and March 25. Conference times were sent home in last week's communication folder.
- Spring Break is April 2-April 12. School resumes on April 13th.
- Preschool Open House is April 29th.

### **52 Club**

The March 14th winner of \$100.00 was the Scott Price family.

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

Tuesday, March 23                    3:45 p.m. Choir  
Wednesday, March 24 8:15 a.m. KIDS Council  
Thursday, March 25                9:45 a.m. School Mass; 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. K-8 Conferences  
Friday, March 26                    3:00 Stations of the Cross; 7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Tina Meyer

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

### **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, March 22 T. Flowers, T. Rynda, Need 2 Volunteers  
Tuesday, March 23 K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Johnson, Need a Volunteer  
Wednesday, March 24 K. Berkowitz, L. Peller, T. Reuter, D. Reuter  
Thursday, March 25 M. Koch, S. Koplín, J. McLaughlin, Need a Volunteer  
Friday, March 26 R. Snure, S. Farley, Need 2 Volunteers

### **PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

Sherri Werner

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

### **NEWS & NOTES FOR 4/1/2010**

Barb Hoffmann

Any news that is to be included in the News & Notes for 4/1/2010 must be submitted by Thursday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. The News & Notes for 4/1/2010 will be completed earlier than normal, so please be sure you submit items early for inclusion in the newsletter for that week.

### **HAPPY SPRING!**

Becky Rodier RN

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes more skinned knees and elbows at recess. The nurse's office is running low on Band-Aids, both standard size and larger knee size Band-Aids. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

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

Joan McCrory

Mark your calendars! The Spirit of Spring Social and Silent / Live auction is ONLY 5 WEEKS AWAY! This adults only night is a FUN night with great food, drinks, fun items to bid on, camaraderie with other parents and just an all out terrific time. You won't want to miss out!

### **Donations Update**

HELP! We are behind on donations this year! Got a great idea? DON'T DELAY! Please get your donation in by TOMORROW, so we can ensure its entry into the auction booklet. We will ALWAYS accept donations any time, but we'd love to make sure it makes our Auction Book as much as possible!

### **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 Scrip 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?

We're grateful for any donation and you'd be surprised how great they all turn out together!

### **Business Donations**

Have a favorite store you shop at or a restaurant you go to? Print a business solicitation letter from the Nativity Web Site for Spirit of Spring, and bring it with you the next time you're there! Leave extra copies in your car! You'd be surprised at how willing businesses are to support your school and church efforts – you just have to ask!

### **Home Entertainment Extravaganza – Raffle!**

It's not too late to get more tickets! And they're such an easy sell! Who wouldn't want a 46" flat screen TV, \$1000 cash or an IPOD Touch! Remember, every 10 tickets sold gets your family's name into a drawing for an IPOD Shuffle. Need more tickets? Just ask in the office! This is an important fundraiser for us – and an easy one at that! So ... Sell! Sell! Sell!

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm for this important event! Have questions on the 10th Annual Spirit of Spring Silent Auction? Please contact Joan McCrory at 952-884-3383 or [themccroryclan@hotmail.com](mailto:themccroryclan@hotmail.com).

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Jennifer Lovegreen

THANKS to all of you who sent in your box tops on the last day of February!! We collected \$350 in that day alone, so if we added up what we have submitted this school year, it would be \$2250. Thanks to Mrs. Praska, we are hoping to receive a check for an additional \$2250. What an easy way to earn money for our school! And, a great lesson – sign up for those contests at Rainbow and Cub if they are offered. As you can see, it will make a huge difference in our earnings.

Continue to save those box tops and submit them as we do have a contest every month. Last month, Mrs. Talley's room won the cupcake party. In March we will have an out of uniform day for whichever GRADE sends in the most box tops!! One thing to remember, please turn them in on a timely basis. I had to throw away 100's of box tops last month while I was counting because they were expired! Just for some fun information – last years total for the entire year was \$1600. This year, we already have \$2250 and we still have 3 months to go. THANK YOU to all of you who are doing this fundraiser!!

**NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Tim Thoreson

**Baseball**

All players in grades 5-8 should be contacted by the end of next week by their coach. Game schedules should be available by late next week or early the following week.

**Softball**

The 5th and 6th grade softball team still needs a coach. Also, there are still roster spots available on this team. Please contact Athletic Director Tim Thoreson if you or someone you know may be interested in coaching, or you would like to sign up to play. There are limited spots on the roster so first come first serve.

**PRAYER THOUGHT**

When the sunshine of acknowledgement shines on you, open your heart to it's warmth-let it strengthen your soul.