

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Please join us for the Living Stations of the Cross this week at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The 8th graders will be leading the stations. Next week is Holy Week. Please join us for school Mass next week on Wednesday, March 31st at 9:45 a.m. (Mass is on Wednesday of next week not Thursday). The Holy Thursday Mass for the parish will be at 7:00 p.m. We do have school on Thursday, April 1st, but we do not have school on Good Friday, April 2nd. School resumes on Monday, April 12th (There was a typo last week stating we resume on April 13th – sorry for the mistake!).

Over the past two years, the parish and school have done a lot of improvements to the campus through Capital Campaign funds. Some of the major improvements were: the replacement of the south parking lot, new lights installed in the south parking lot, and some school roofs were replaced. In looking at the priority list, I'm excited to let you know that the playground and dishwasher in the school kitchen are the next few items. We plan to replace both of these items this summer. Thank you for your support in the capital campaign as well as collecting box tops to support continued improvement of this campus.

The "Spirit of Spring" Auction is gearing up. Wow, we have some great prizes. We will still accept donations. If you have questions, please contact Joan McCrory. Buy your tickets now for this event. It is a night of great food, fun, and company.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: A huge THANK YOU to Jill Johnson and her cooking crew for the great dinners they are providing the school staff during their conference nights these past 2 Thursdays. Thank you to the following for their great cooking efforts: Corinne Thomson, Alyson Armstrong, Kristi Rollwagen, Jill Schreiber-Smith, Mona Freeberg, Amy Poehling, Amy Stoltzfus, Kristin Boda, Sherri Werner, Sylvia Matzke-Hill, Michelle Johnson, Lisa Harris, Cindy Olstad, Erin Dobesh, Katy McGrane, and Colleen Dillaway.

FYI:

- Thursday, April 1st is a Parent Drive Day! If your last name starts with A-L, please drop-off and pick-up your child in the north lot. If your last name begins with M-Z, please use the south lot. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Registration forms for next year are due in the office. If you can't pay your registration fee at this time, please send in the form, and we can make payment arrangements.
- Spring Break is April 2-April 11. School resumes on April 12th.
- Spring Pictures are on Friday, April 16.
- 8th Grade Graduation pictures for the composite are Friday, April 16. Students should dress in nice attire and preferably shirt and tie for boys.
- If you would like to donate a ream of white paper for the office or baby wipes for the lunchroom, it would be very much appreciated.
- Parents, please check lengths of jumpers and skirts. Students are growing and adjustments may need to be made to the length of skirts and jumpers.
- Parents, please know that you are always welcome to sit with your child in their PALS group at Mass, and staff welcomes the idea.

52 Club

The March 21st winner of \$100.00 was Chris Limbeck.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 31 9:45 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, April 1

Parent Drive Day – No Bussing A-L North Lot; M-Z South Lot;
Holy Thursday

Friday, April 2

No School – Spring Break – School Resumes April 12

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Tina Meyer

Monday, March 29	1:00–3:00	Harriet Johnson
Tuesday, March 30	10:00-11:35	Sue Wilson
	12:00-3:40	Jill Schreiber-Smith, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, March 31	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, April 1	12:00-3:35	Tina Flowers, Barb Dockendorf

Since we are coming to the end of the year, overdue books need to be found or paid for if they cannot be found. All books will need to be in the library by May 13 or be paid for, in order for students to receive their report cards.

Overdue circulation notices will be coming home during the months of April/May. Please check at home, school desks, school lockers, or re-check the library in case a book has been placed on the shelf and the computer missed scanning it in.

The amount due is listed on the overdue slips.

You will be receiving a notice for every overdue book not turned in, until school closes. Each notice is dated. If you are making a collection of overdue notices, the most current date is what is effective. If you turn in a book you will not get a repeat notice (there is some overlap because of News and Notes deadlines). If you do not turn in your book, you will get a dated notice, with the price due, every week.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, March 29	T. Flowers, E. Dobesh, I. Klein, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, March 30	K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Johnson, J. Carol
Wednesday, March 31	J. Skogmo, P. Weichselbaum, T. Reuter, D. Reuter
Thursday April 1	M. Koch, N. Machtig, V. Murphy, Need a Volunteer

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Sherri Werner

Monday, March 29	11:30 – 12:25	C. Flowers, Need a Volunteer
Tuesday, March 30	11:30 – 12:25	Need 2 Volunteers
Wednesday, March 31	11:30 – 12:25	Need 2 Volunteers
Thursday, April 1	11:30 – 12:25	C. Robbel, Need a Volunteer.

CORRECTION TO NEWS AND NOTES

Spring Break is April 2 – April 11.

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, APRIL 12.

10th ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL / SILENT AUCTION – EVENT INFO

Joan McCrory

FOUR weeks and counting until the Spirit of Spring Social and Silent / Live auction! This is an adult's only night out. Please remember to turn your invitation back into the office.

Donations Update

We will ALWAYS accept donations any time! Donations received after March 26th will be gratefully accepted and added via an Addendum to the Auction booklet. If you still need an idea, we really need gift cards for the Treasure Tree. This is an easy way to donate, and it can count towards your scrip requirement! We need cards for restaurants, gas stations, and movie theatres!!

We're grateful for any donation!

Home Entertainment Extravaganza – Raffle!

It's not too late to get more tickets! Don't forget about the Home Entertainment Extravaganza over the break and for the Easter holiday! Get some extra raffle tickets to offer to friends and relatives you may be seeing.

BUY AND GIVE THEM A RAFFLE TICKET for a chance to win as an Easter gift. They'll love the chance to win one of the great prizes being raffled off. They will also be pleased to know that they are contributing to our school. Who wouldn't want the chance to win and watch their favorite show, sporting event or movie on a 46in flat screen with Blue Ray and Home Theater system? Four weeks until the drawing!!

Bidding Groups!

What is a bidding group? Forming a bidding group is a great way to share a Live Auction item with fellow Nativity of

10th ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL / SILENT AUCTION – EVENT INFO continued:

Mary parents, friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers. Anyone interested in splitting the cost of an item can be in your bidding group. This is a great way to trim your costs and to participate in the Spring Fling without blowing your budget! Start forming groups now so you'll be ready for the Silent Auction!! Just follow these easy steps!

- Identify a fabulous Live Auction item (when Auction Booklets are sent home).
- Determine groups in advance of the Spring Fling.
- Decide on the maximum bid your group will pay.
- Imagine....each member of your group splits the cost of the item!
- Nominate one person to do the bidding for your group.
- Gather family, friends, Nativity parents, neighbors or co-workers to be in your group.

In-School Raffle!

Next week the In-School raffle tickets will be sent home in the communication folder. This raffle is the kick-off event for the Spirit of Spring Silent Auction event activities. It is a great way for students and their families to get involved with the festivities. There are 10 prizes for kids to win and each raffle ticket only costs \$2.00!!

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.

7TH GRADERS & PARENTS

Jane Wagemaker

On Wednesday, April 21st, the 7th graders will be traveling to the ARC facility in Richfield to give back something to the community as a Lenten service project. I will be taking 7C in the morning (10:00-12:00) and 7D in the afternoon (1:15-3:15).

I will need at least 3 moms and/or dads for each session. Ask your son/daughter which class he/she is in before you check the bottom of the permission slip. If you can help out, I will be in contact with you.

The cost of the trip is \$5.00. Please have your money and permission slip in by Monday, April 12.

PRAYER THOUGHT

You know that loving care for children is important every day, so sometimes you gather your courage and give some needed advice, even though it's not easy.