

NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a great week and wonderful Easter. There are a lot of exciting events and activities planned for the remainder of the year.

The Silent Auction is next Friday. The auction booklets and much more information are enclosed in the communication folder. Please buy your tickets early. This is an event you don't want to miss. Our special Fund-A-Need project this year has to do with technology and purchasing some smart boards for classrooms. The night of the auction, you will be able to visit our "Classroom of the Future", which will be equipped with a 685i Smart board, response clickers for students, a teachers slate, and teacher station. The staff and I are very excited about this new technology.

Volunteer VIPs and Vacancies

VIPs: A big THANK YOU to all the Dads who stepped up to serve the great pancake breakfast a few Sundays ago: Paul Schoenecker, Mark Schreier, Frank Raab, Tim Singhel, Tom Tester, Jeff Walker, Lance Holland, Scott Price, Mike Campion, Scott Johnson, Jeff Bjick, Clark Flowers, Peder Skogmo, Mark Hird, Eric Van Brocklin, Ed Wilson, Dan Praska, Dave Harley, Dave Backman, Travis Hawton, John Cizek, Marty Huberty, Matt Lewis, Michael Lynda, Mark Hoaglund, Jennings Hill, Bob Vodovnik, Dan Miller, Louie Bunkholt, Dan Riley, Nate Nygren, Craig Luedke, Larry Robertson, Herb Kistler, Herbert Zalana, Ed Huber, Chad Flentje, Mark McCrory, Michael Nisler, Dan Koch, Steve Freeberg, Dave Matlon, Chris Knoll, Troy Lockwood, and John Reardon. Also many, many thanks to Tom Peller and Mike Ott for organizing the breakfast this year!!!

Vacancies: Drama club is an extra-curricular activity offered to the middle school students of Nativity. For many years it has been under the leadership of faithful volunteers that have given many hours of service to make the club very successful. Thank you to Sandy Wilson for leading the club this past school year. The drama club is in need of a new volunteer to carry the program next school year. Please consider this opportunity and contact Barb Castagna to help.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Wagemaker. She received the Bronze Pelican Recognition Award on March 27th. It is an archdiocesan recognition presented to adults who have had an impact on bringing a Catholic emphasis in the Scouting program.

FYI:

- Spring pictures and 8th grade graduation pictures are Friday, April 16th. There are no picture forms going home as all students will be photographed and pictures will be sent home. At that time, you may choose to purchase the pictures or send them back. 8th graders should come dressed for their picture, and they can change into out-of-uniform after their picture.
- When picking up children at the end of the day, please remember to cross where the crossing guards are for the safety of all of us. Some people are walking in between cars, and it can be very dangerous.
- On Wednesday, April 21st, it is Secretary/Support Staff Day.
- New Kindergarten Visit Day is April 22nd, and 1:00 p.m.
- The playground committee is working hard on plans for this summer. There will be lots of opportunities for parents to volunteer in this project. Please watch for more information to come in future News and Notes.
- Preschool Open House is on April 29th.

"52 Club"

The Easter winner of \$500.00 was James Casey.

The April 11th winner of \$100.00 was Paul and Jean Marie Grassl.

Alumni News

Congratulations to these Academy of Holy Angels Trimester 2 Honor Roll Students.

Scholars of Distinction – 4.00 GPA Nicole Berrien, Andrew Easton, Sarah Gwazdacz, Danielle Heimkes, Katharine Hoffmann, Peter McGrane, and Stephen Raab

High Honors – 3.6667 – 3.9999 GPA

Jeff Bedor, Alison Bresnahan, Scott Caple, Sarah Catcher, Katilyn Grausam, Madeline Hentges, Alex Kern, Zachary Machacek, Laura Margarit, Davis Nygren, Katie Peller, Robby Poehling, Will Robertson, John Schneider, Abby Schoenecker, and Bridget Wollak.

Honors – 3.2000 – 3.6666 GPA

Kyle Backman, Josh Banister, Danny Cole, Luke Effertz, Kersten Freeberg, Patrick Harris, Jonathan Heath, Mitchell Hoffmann, Anna Claire Hubbard, Maddy Lingenfelter, Sheireen Moin, Nick Sauro, Rachel Schneider, Phil Skogmo, Michelle Stolz, Ian Stonehouse, and Jennifer Tobroxon.

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday, April 20	7:00 p.m. Middle School Bell Concert
Wednesday, April 21	Admin. Professionals Day
Thursday, April 22	9:45 a.m. School Mass; 2010-2011 Kindergarten Visit Day; Take Our Children to Work Day; Earth Day
Friday, April 23	End of 3rd Mid-Tri; 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

		Tina Meyer
Monday, April 19	1:00–3:00	Tina Flowers
Tuesday, April 20	10:00-11:35	Linda Raab
	12:00-3:40	Roseline Shelstad, Irene Gallus
Wednesday, April 21	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell
Thursday, April 22	12:00-3:35	Michelle Vodovnik, Kristi Koelfgen

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

		Jennifer Lovegreen
Monday, April 19	B. Kern, M. Johnson, T. Flowers, Need a Volunteer	
Tuesday, April 20	K. Burns, R. Bailey, B. Dockendorf, Need a Volunteer	
Wednesday, April 21	P. Weichselbaum, J. Lewis, A. Monssen, Need a Volunteer	
Thursday, April 22	M. Koch, S. Farley, J. McLaughlin, Need a Volunteer	
Friday, April 23	A. Lockwood, S. Sullivan, E. Dobesh, K. Berkowitz	

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

		Sherri Werner
Monday, April 19	11:30 – 12:25	C. Flowers, S. Lindberg
Tuesday, April 20	11:30 – 12:25	S. Hank, Need a Volunteer
Wednesday, April 21	11:30 – 12:25	K. McGrane, Need a Volunteer
Thursday, April 22	11:30 – 12:25	M. Glatzmaier, C. Robbel
Friday, April 23	11:30 – 12:25	M. Powers, Need a Volunteer

SOFTBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Steve Thole
The Nativity girls Cub (5th & 6th Gr.) softball team will practice at the Nativity field on the following dates from 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM: April 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, May 6, 12.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBELL CONCERT

Judy Hodgson
Our first middle school spring concert will be next Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All middle school handbell groups will be playing their concert pieces. The concert will be under 1 hour in length. Student's attendance is mandatory and will count as part of their grade for the third trimester.

CALLING ALL SEVENTH GRADE PARENTS!

Kathy Daggett
It is time for our annual garage sale. This garage sale is a huge fundraiser to benefit our 8th grade Chicago trip.

I know it is hard to believe our kids will soon be in eighth grade! I need a co-chair to help with organizing/set-up and clean up. I also need a public relations person to place ads and create a flyer. I will need a parent to set-up and organize a work schedule for parents and kids. This is the third garage sale I have done and it is a great community builder.

We need all parents and kids to help make this a success. Please contact me at kathy.daggett@nativitybloomington.org.

Save the dates of June 10,11 and 12.

DONATE TO GARAGE SALE!

Class of 2011

It is time to think about Spring cleaning and getting rid of all those unwanted "treasures". The 7th grade class is making plans for the 2010 garage sale to fund their trip to Chicago and they are ready to accept your unneeded "treasures". Garage sale items can be dropped off in the school office during regular business hours. No large electronics or car seats will be accepted. Thanks for your support.

Garage Sale will be June 10-11-12.

2010 ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE

It's time to think spring! Order forms to purchase plants from the Nativity of Mary Athletic Association annual plant sale are in this week's communication folder. The plants will come from Gertens. Order forms must be turned in to the school office by Monday, April 26. Plants will be ready for pick up in the north parking lot on Wednesday, May 5. Thank you for your support.

ST. EDWARD FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

You are warmly invited to attend the St. Edward Festival of Music on Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. The parish will be blessing, dedicating and celebrating the newly renovated Austin Organ, Opus 2649. The parish's four choirs, including several Nativity students, will be participating as well as instrumentalists and parish organists Judy DeBruyne-Hodgson (Nativity's Music Teacher) and Roger Burg. A dessert reception will follow the service.

ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS OPEN HOUSE

The Academy of Holy Angels is hosting a spring open house for prospective students on Thursday, April 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 6600 Nicollet Avenue South, Richfield.

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.

KIDS COUNCIL

Jane Wagemaker

Please note the change in meeting dates for May.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH, NOT MAY 26TH.

ATTENTION 6TH & 7TH GRADERS

Jane Wagemaker

6th and 7th graders who are interested in joining KIDS Council for the school year 2010-2011 are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 28th at 8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. At this time, applications will be given to those who wish to join. All applications and letters of reference must be in the office by June 4th.

NATIVITY NIGHT OUT – CHUCK E. CHEESE'S

Mark your calendars! Monday, April 19th is the next Nativity Night Out fundraiser. Take your family to Chuck E. Cheese's in Edina, mention you are with Nativity School and they will donate 15% of the proceeds back to Nativity! Each student will get a sticker worth 10 free tokens.

10th ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL / SILENT AUCTION – EVENT INFO

Joan McCrory

ONE week 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. Kindergarten parents, we will have a table reserved for you at the auction where you can sit and visit with other Kindergarten parents!

Donations Update:

We are still accepting donations! Any items received will be placed in the addendum. We are in great need of 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!! DEADLINE FOR DONATION ITEMS IS THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH!!

Auction Books:

The auction books are in your communication folders!! Take some time to look over all the wonderful donations we have received this year. There is something for everyone!! When looking over the live auction items (or even silent auction items!!), please remember that you may form an OPTIONAL bidding group!! What is a bidding group? Forming a bidding group is a great way to share an auction item with fellow Nativity of 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 auction item (auction books are in this week's communication folder).
- 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.

NEW THIS YEAR:

New this year to the auction is a different way of bidding on items. Each family will be assigned a number. You will use this number to bid. The number will be sent home on the label of your auction book. At check-in, we will also have your number if you have misplaced it. Your number is required on the bidding sheets. This will allow people to bid on items and not have their name associated with high price bids. Your name may also be included with the number, if desired. If you still want to have a bidding competition against a friend, add your name to your number and have fun with it!!

Home Entertainment Extravaganza – Raffle!

It's not too late to get more tickets! 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! Please remember that all tickets are numbered and must be tracked. Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the office. To have your family name entered in the drawing for an IPOD Shuffle, you need to have your 10 tickets sold and turned in to the school office by 12 noon on April 23rd.

In-School Raffle!

The In-School raffle ticket selling has begun!! 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!! First prize this year is a Flip Ultra HD High Definition Digital Camcorder! All tickets sold or unsold must be turned in to the school office by noon on April 23rd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We still need volunteers in the following areas:

1. Greeters (two people)
2. Bartenders (three people)
3. Ring a bottle of wine (two people)
4. Electronics raffle/drink ticket table (three people)
5. Check-Out (three people)

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. Committee members, please remember there is a meeting at 1 p.m. this Sunday, April 18th, at my house.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Please pray for Ben, Katie, and Mathew Smith and their family. Their uncle, Rick Reese (Julia's brother), passed away on March 22nd, and their grandmother, Betty Highley (Tim's mom), passed away recently.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD. Psalm 89:15